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West Paris radio stations heard round the world

By AMY CHAPMAN

Skip Dunning runs his five Internet radio stations from a small studio on the second floor of his remote West Paris home, but his listeners are all over the world.

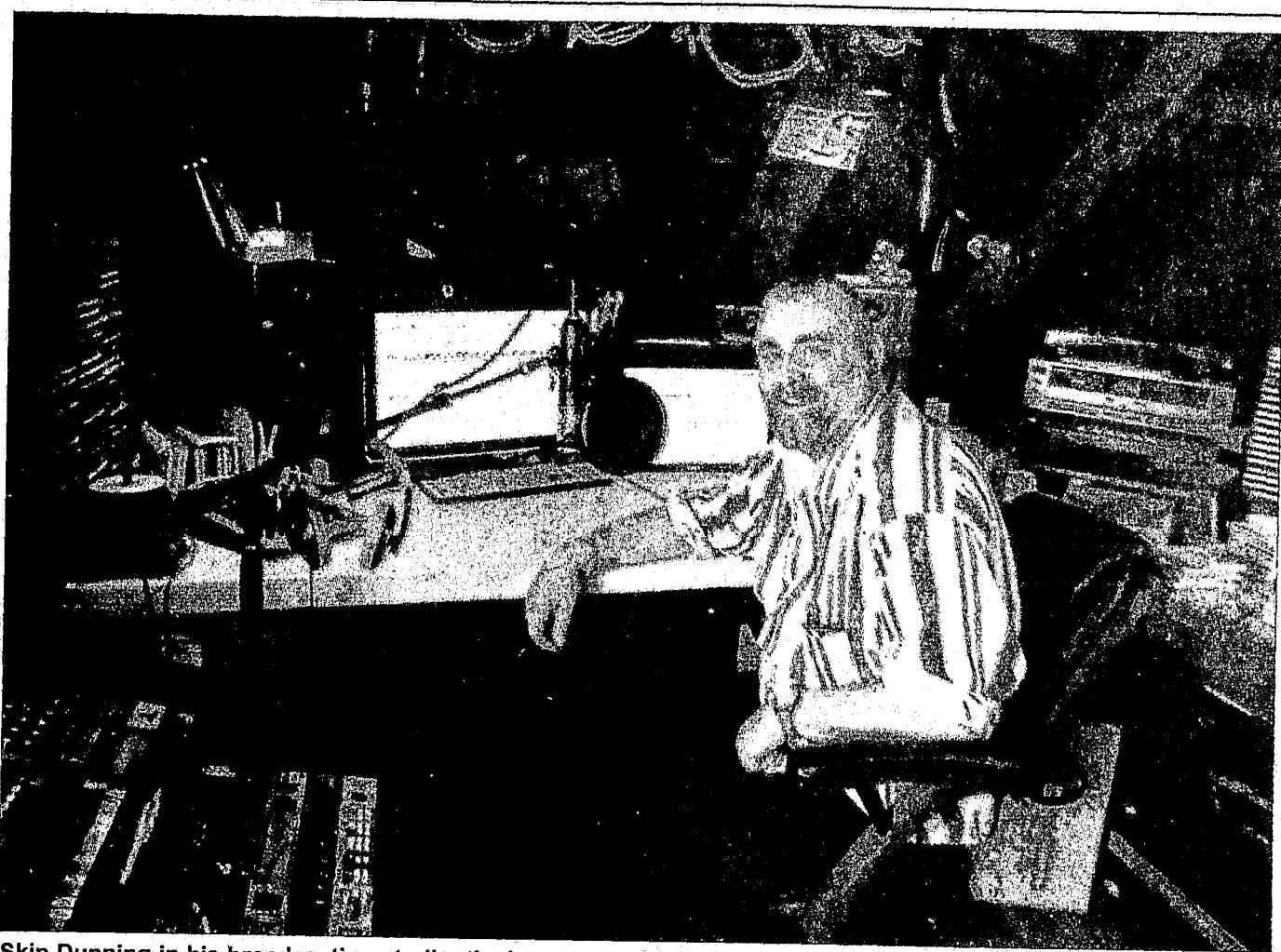
"Texas, North Carolina, Russia...the Russian Federation loves me," he said. "I have a lot of listeners in Canada, a lot in Japan. Some in Brazil, Mexico, France, the U.K., Germany. India is in my top ten list of countries for listener minutes."

Dunning started his first Internet radio station, WMCR-Abram Classic Rock, a little over a year ago, and has since added four more stations, streaming classic coun-

try, oldies, upbeat exercise music, and steam-punk—which he calls "the soundtrack of Victorian sci-fi"—24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Each evening, before he heads to his "real" job, working nights as a dispatcher for a trucking company, he spends about 30 minutes setting up the playlist for the next 24 hours and recording voice tracks for the classic rock station. The other four stations are fully automated, so they require minimal hands-on time.

Dunning adds two or three voice tracks to each hour of classic rock music. "I have software that shows me all the songs



See STATIONS, Page 3 Skip Dunning in his broadcasting studio, the home base for his five Internet radio stations.

A. Chapman

Greenwood board gets an update on mill

By ALISON ALOISIO

Saunders Mill owner Louise Jonaitis updated Greenwood officials last week on demolition and cleanup work on the property.

The roof on one section of the building collapsed under snow this past winter, and demolition/cleanup of parts of the mill began last month.

Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman said at last week's selectmen's meeting she was concerned that some pipes in the mill suspected of having asbestos had been taken down from one section before permits had been obtained from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

Corey-Whitman said after they were taken down they were covered with tarps, but not tightly wrapped. She said the wind had been blowing, potentially sending asbestos through the air. She said she was concerned about people working on

the site and other people at nearby locations, such as the Post Office.

Jonaitis said she had tried to get an asbestos contractor promptly, but there had been a delay in the scheduling. She said it was her understanding the pipes had been correctly covered. She also said there had been safety concerns that led to taking down some of the structure right away.

Corey-Whitman acknowledged that asbestos abatement could not take place under a collapsed roof, but said that piping had also been removed in another section of the mill. She said she would plan to speak with the contractor herself.

On Tuesday of this week the CEO said she had done that, and had learned a contract was in place but the contractor had not heard back from Jonaitis. Corey-Whitman said the pipes remained covered in the same way as last week,

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Newry sets election, two take out papers

By ALISON ALOISIO

Last Thursday Newry selectmen approved a warrant for a secret ballot election June 10 to elect two selectmen.

The same day Selectmen Wendy Hanscom and Gary Wight resigned, effective June 9.

The resignations and a special election are needed because town officials learned in March that there had been a procedural error in the election of the two selectmen in 2013 and 2014, respectively.

Selectmen also approved a nomination process from May 9 to May 20. Nomination papers must have a minimum of 10 signatures and a maximum of 25, and

must be returned to the Town Office by 5 p.m. May 20.

As of Wednesday morning only Hanscom and Wight had taken out papers, according to Town Administrator Loretta Powers.

On another issue, an informational meeting on school funding options and the town's building permit ordinance is scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall.

Town officials are seeking input on whether Newry should pursue a change in the local school share funding formula, and also on whether the town should re-examine the spending threshold for requiring a building permit for remodeling and repair projects.

Sewer billing change still a sore subject in Bethel

By ALISON ALOISIO

As the time approaches for Bethel to start billing some dwelling units individually for sewer usage for the first time - rather than continuing to bill the overall apartment building or complex where they are located - Selectmen Don Bennett says he has been hearing complaints.

The town ordinance provides for a separate charge for each dwelling unit in a house or living complex, but some older buildings with multiple apartments, for example, have still been

charged as a single unit. Last year Bethel found about 100 units within such older buildings.

Newer buildings and condos are already billed under the individual dwelling-unit format, according to town officials, and bringing the others into the format will be more equitable.

In addition, the sewer budget has been operating at a deficit, prompting town officials to look for more funding.

The town has been charging \$121.35 per quarter for usage of 0 to 1,500 cubic feet

of water. If more is used the charge is \$8.09 per 100 cubic feet.

Letters went out last fall outlining the billing change, which is scheduled to start in July. The actual bills under the new format, however, will not go out until October.

Some building owners who objected last fall said rates should be based solely on usage, not on units or minimum charges.

Bennett said Monday he had recently heard from people who he said were doing research to either try to "negate" the change or un-

derstand why the town had "something in ordinance that somehow got lost, that we didn't use, and all of a sudden we, in a sense, kind of go looking for money and we found this. The obvious thing that we said and offered up was 'be thankful we didn't find it 10 years ago or eight years ago, because then you'd have been paying for the last eight years.'"

Bennett also said people who had contacted him had asked that if the change must happen, that

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Share the bounty at annual Bethel Library Plant Sale

By AMY CHAPMAN

Local gardeners will share their perennials for the benefit of the Bethel Library Association May 31 at the 19th annual library plant sale.

The event takes place from 9 to 10 a.m.

This spring tradition raises money for the library's general fund, while giving local gardening enthusiasts an opportunity to purchase affordable perennials from the gardens of their friends and neighbors.

Most perennials do best when divided every three to four years. Dividing the plants keeps them healthy and performing at their peak, producing the larg-



Day lilies from Norm Davis' collection will be among the plants at the annual Bethel Library Plant Sale May 31.

Norm Davis

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Letters

PLEASE HELP WITH VETERAN FLAGS

To the Editor:

Bethel American Legion Post 81 will be placing flags on veterans' graves on Saturday morning, May 17, and would enjoy the help of volunteers in placing flags on about 700 graves in local area cemeteries. Post members and volunteers will be gathering at the post home on Vernon Street at 8 a.m. and we will be dispensing the flags to volunteers at that time. Be advised that we cover cemeteries from Upton to Hunts Corner and from Gilead to East Bethel, so bring your vehicle. Refreshments (hot dogs, beverages and Dixie cups) will be provided to volunteer workers when they finish work. Please join us.

Richard Grover
Mason

HONORING CPS VOLUNTEERS

To the Editor:

Crescent Park School is holding its annual Volunteer Tea on Wednesday, May 28 at 3 p.m. Our volunteers do so much to help our school run smoothly. Some of their "duties" include chaperoning field trips, planning classroom parties, acting as "class mothers/fathers," reading with students, organizing recess games and doing whatever the teachers ask of them.

Volunteers play such an important role, whether they come into CPS or volunteer from home. So if you have volunteered, please come to CPS on May 28 and let us honor you! Refreshments will be served.

Janet Stephenson
Bethel

MOLLYOCKETT DAYS PLANNING 2014

To the Editor:

Now that the snow has melted and the weather has started to slowly warm up, our thoughts turn to summer which brings heat, outdoor activities, and of course, MollyOckett Days. This year's theme for MollyOckett Days is "Homecoming" and we would like to remind community groups, business, and well, basically everyone that we are looking for floats for the Parade! We encourage you to contact the Chamber office for an application or visit the MollyOckett Days website to apply online (<http://www.mollyockettdays.com>). We also wanted to remind everyone that vendor spaces are available on both the Common and on Main Street. Applications for vendor spaces are available online as well.

The MollyOckett Days Committee is also seeking suggestions for evening entertainment to have on the Common before the fireworks. If you know of any local band that would be a great fit for this family oriented event, please call the Chamber at 824-2282 or Maggie at Mountain Jewelers, 824-3030.

We look forward to seeing everyone July 19 and 20!
Maggie Kroenke, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce
MollyOckett Days Committee, Chair

SAFER ROADS NEEDED FOR CYCLISTS

To the Editor:

Bicycling is important to area tourism. We need safer roads.

The safety of those who ride bikes on our local roads - roads paid for by their car registration tax dollars - is very important to both bikers and drivers who have been in dangerous situations. Bits of glass, drag and instability make pulling onto shoulders all but impossible in traffic. Trying to get on that shoulder puts a rider - and by default, surrounding traffic both ways - in danger.

It takes selectmen and women to steward the local infrastructure, where paved shoulders mean safe driving in towns. Stewardship is the primary reason for taxes: paying for road crews, machinery, paved broader shoulders, special right-of-way paths across willing owners' lands. Resurfacing may be needed where potholes, bumps, dips and patch-work are the norm. Such an increase in infrastructure would give work to Maine contractors and be a big boost to local tourism. People want to bike here. But, people have been told not to come to the area for biking because of road and rider conditions. This reduces business for local restaurants and lodging.

Please make roads stable, wider, safer; make inviting trails. Grant funds to make these real things possible.

Many thanks for selectmen and road crew work on bikers' and drivers' behalf. Glad you are representing taxpayers. On the necessity of solid infrastructure, maybe everyone can agree.

Susan Dorman
Bethel

A DOUBLE STANDARD IN SAD 44

To the Editor:

At 7 p.m. on Monday, May 19 at the Bear River Grange Hall, Newry will be holding a public town hearing. As of now there are two issues to be discussed. One is the town's current \$25,000 project cost for requiring a building permit. The other is the public school funding formula that's been in place since 2005.

The building permit threshold of \$25,000 was set by the Newry voters at the annual town meeting in open session. It was voted on twice, both times decisively. There is no question that this was done transparently and by the rules used for town meetings. The town's assessor has told the selectmen that the relatively high value of \$25,000 has cost the town, "leaving money on the table." The amounts are small, and of course this is Newry taxpayer's money, left on the taxpayer's table, so it stays in Newry.

The school funding issue however involves a virtual flood of Newry's money leaving the town. The 2005 decision to make this happen was not made by Newry voters or even discussed by the Newry Selectmen. Newry pays its SAD 44 bill based totally on real estate valuation unlike all other Maine towns except tiny Frye Island in Lake Sebago. The rest of the towns in Maine fund their school districts based mostly on the number of students they have to educate. The more kids you have the more you pay. Sounds sensible to me and evidently to those educators at the state level that make the rules.

But, there is a glaring double standard in play at SAD 44. Newry has only a six percent representation on the school board, which is based on the number of pupils from Newry, yet pays 33 percent of the local share of the school budget. In 1776 a war was started that created our country because of this taxation without representation issue. Come to the public hearing on May 19 and discuss what we should do.

Jim Sysko
Newry

THOUGHTS ON THE NEWRY SCHOOL HEARING

To the Editor:

On Monday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Bear River Grange Hall the Newry selectmen will hold a very important Public Meeting to allow the registered voters of the town to discuss the recent Citizens' Proposal regarding a change in the SAD 44 funding formula. The proposal calls for SAD 44 to move from the current allocation of the local share of school funding costs to member towns based on the relative valuations of the towns to a formula that would take into consideration the relative numbers of students sent to SAD 44 schools by the towns as well as the taxable valuation. This change, the proponents point out, would allow Newry, with only 25 or so students currently enrolled, to drastically reduce its annual school payment from the current approximately \$2.5 million.

It is true that this would seem to be a great boon to Newry, but the severely increased cost to the other towns in the District must also be considered. Would Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, and Andover be able to make up the amount equal to Newry's reduction in order to keep the District operating? I think not.

Though we like to say that each of our small towns is autonomous and able to exhibit "local control," the truth is that we all need each other in order to survive. Each town has unique attributes that it can share in order to create the larger community of SAD 44. Because it is fortunate to be home to one of the largest recreation areas in the East, Newry has a wealth of taxable vacation homes and condominiums. Bethel, on the other hand, provides its residents and those of the surrounding towns with retail shops, recreational infrastructure, restaurants, banks, museums, cultural opportunities, churches, hotels, and meeting places necessary for conducting our business and enjoying our lives. Other towns have lakes, rivers, parks and other natural and manmade resources to share. Woodstock with its wind farm made the decision not to create a TIF district to shelter the value of the wind towers in order to share their taxable valuation with this larger community.

As things now stand, Newry enjoys the lowest real estate tax rate of all the organized towns in SAD 44. To make changes that would further reduce that rate and force a drastic rise in the tax rates of the other towns, all the while taking full advantage of the assets that those towns share, does not appear to me to be the way to create better community and enhance the quality of life for all.

I encourage all Newry voters to attend the Public Meeting on Monday evening, no matter which side of the issue you are on. We need to have a full discussion of this issue, and now is the time for all voices to be heard.

Steve Wight
Newry

ROTARY AUCTION/YARD SALE

To the Editor:

On Saturday, June 28, the Rotary Club of Bethel will be sponsoring its 27th annual Yard Sale and Auction at Telstar High School. The Yard Sale will begin at 8 a.m. and continue throughout the day. The preview for the auction starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by the auction at 6:30 p.m. sharp. As always, it promises to be a lively event with hundreds of items, and thousands of dollars worth of gift certificates from local merchants.

In the past, this auction has successfully raised funds for scholarships, senior citizen activities and other community related projects. Businesses or individuals interested in making a donation to this worthwhile event are encouraged to send their donations to the address listed below. Individuals wishing to donate items to the auction may call to arrange for pick up at 653-9297.

There are, however, certain items that we cannot accept: large appliances, furniture in need of repair, textbooks, encyclopedias, televisions, computers, clothing, tires and pianos. We trust that you will understand.

This year, the Rotary Club is again inviting interested individuals to consider donating "big ticket" items such as antiques, vehicles, snowmobiles, etc. with a percentage of the final price going to the club and the remainder going back to the donor.

The Bethel Rotary Club has been fortunate to enjoy the overwhelming support of the community for many years. That level of support has been deeply appreciated. We hope you will join us on June 28 for another exciting event.

Rene McGrew
President, Rotary Club of Bethel

COME TO THE NONPROFIT FAIR

To the Editor,

Readers of the Bethel Citizen have had the opportunity to get to know a bit more about several of the area non-profits through individual articles this past month. Did you know that there are more than four dozen nonprofits that exist right here in the Bethel area? The Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative (BANC) was formed slightly more than three years ago to help provide these area nonprofits new ways to cooperate, communicate and even collaborate with one another. BANC currently has 26 nonprofit members and we are always open to new organizations!

The area nonprofits could not exist if it was not for the passion and time volunteers provide to them. There are so many varied types of tasks that need to be done - and it is just a matter of connecting people to the organizations! We invite anyone who may be interested in learning more about the BANC members, their missions, and their volunteer opportunities to attend the Nonprofit Fair on Thursday, May 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Bethel Historical Society's Moses Mason House Meeting Room. Light refreshments will be offered, as well as a wonderful way to connect with the many people with passion toward the great work that is being done by the area nonprofit organizations. No RSVP is required, so please mark your calendar, invite a friend, and plan to find some exciting connections!

Robin Zinchuk, on behalf of the Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative

TAKING BACK OUR LIBERTIES

To the Editor:

In an after-meeting discussion a few nights ago, someone suggested "we take our liberty back and have no limits at all on contributions!" I'd like to share my reply:

1. Let 100 million dollars equal just one Sheldon Adelson (one "Sheldon" for short). There are many more "Sheldon" entities out there including PACS; other special interests, millionaires and billionaires.

2. If one Sheldon is equal to one million Citizens at \$100 each, (activist orgs would love to see that contribution level - but they don't).

3.) If only 100 Sheldons contributed, (there are many more Sheldon "entities" which include PACS and wealthy individuals), that means 100 million Americans would have to give \$100 each, (they don't, and many couldn't) and that would still not be even close to the influence exerted by the special interest money.

That's why we must have publicly funded elections, strictly limiting campaign contributions for all levels of elected office to living, breathing citizens ONLY and limiting voting to living, breathing citizens ONLY. Until we do, our future is not in our hands.

Seabury Lyon
Bethel

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson.

10 years ago: Several bear sightings in the area prompted wardens to warn people not to leave trash or birdseed out.

Forest Service firefighters conducted the first "under: burn" in the White Mountain National Forest, to encourage growth of new pine, oak, and berry-bearing bushes, near Crocker Pond.

Deaths: Dorise M. Dore, Hamiko A. McIlroy, Kathryn Hamlin, Penelope Poor, Priscilla W. Rinebold, Evergreen B. Hagen, Camilla Rae Everett.

20 years ago: A midday fire destroyed a machinery repair garage and grain shed and silo at the Carter Farm on Middle Intervale Road.

Six-year-old Carolyn Strickland was Mundt-Alen American Legion Post 81 Poppy Girl.

Deaths: Gerald Harrington, Rodney E. Eames, Crystal K. Perry, Virginia D. Hutchins, Arnold E. Mayberry.

30 years ago: The Bethel Senior Citizens Group celebrated its 22nd anniversary at Sunday River Inn, and honored charter members Sarah Stevens, Maude Hunt, Emily Saunders and Gladys Cross.

Plans for the second annual "Project Graduation" were shaping up, and included a barbecue and ice cream smorgasbord in addition to the chem-free class party following graduation.

Births: Rebecca Gail Swan, Nolan Clark Patten, Jay Daniel Hanscom.

Death: Mrs. I. Elizabeth Cutting.

40 years ago: The Red Lantern was open week-ends beginning May 17.

The Trustees of the Bethel Historical Society appointed Stanley Howe curator of the museum and restored Moses Mason House.

Death: Oscar E. Twitchell.

50 years ago: Members of the sixth grade of Crescent Park School went to Andover to visit Telstar.

A project including a new front porch, terraced flagstone steps, a blacktop walk and landscaping was underway at the West Parish Congregational Church, a gift of appreciation from the William Bingham estate.

Deaths: Mrs. G. Bertrand Whitman, Dannie Bryant, William H. Mills.

60 years ago: Winners in the Cub Scout Showboat poster contest were: first, Richard Angevine; second, Stephen Saunders; third, Edward Tibbetts.

At a special town meeting, it was voted to discontinue the part of High Street between Elm and Church streets.

Birth: Kathryn Ann Severance.

Deaths: Mrs. Nettie Desire Fleet, Mrs. Mary Paterson, Harry W. Purington, Mrs. Anna L. Allen, Walter L. Keniston.

70 years ago: Charles Merrill purchased the Twaddle property on Main Street.

Edward Johnson, State Horticulturist, spoke on Victory Gardens at the Locke's Mills Town Hall.

80 years ago: The monument at Newry Corner, in memory of Ralph Frost, was completed.

Rev. P.J. Clifford was appointed to the Bethel Methodist Church.

Deaths: Osborn Ring, Fred Wiggin.

90 years ago: Rumford High School presented the three-act comedy, "Charm School," in Odeon Hall.

A. Hervey-Bathurst of London, England was the speaker at a Christian Science lecture, the first to be held in Bethel. He was enjoyed by a large audience.

Death: Sylvanus Learned.

100 years ago: Farm buildings on the Peter Learned farm, South Andover, were burned.

The Bridgton House, four story wooden structure, was destroyed by fire. Loss was estimated at over \$30,000.

Deaths: James Wyman, Charles Winslow.

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Lost hiker found Raymond, Grover resign

By AMY CHAPMAN

GRAFTON NOTCH-Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue Team responded to a report of a lost hiker in Grafton Notch on Sunday, May 11, according to MMRT member Bob Baribeau. "A male hiker had attempted to climb West Baldpate but underestimated the amount of snow and ice high on the peak. The hiker took a detour and found himself lost and off the

trail," he said. The Maine Warden Service with Jerry Bernier, Brian Denley, Dan Eliot, Chris Hayward and Baribeau responded to the AT trailhead and quickly located the hiker who, after spending the night out, had bushwacked to Route 26, Baribeau said. "The rescue party advised the hiker that staying on the trail is always a good idea."

SAD 44 Superintendent David Murphy told the school board Monday that he had accepted letters of resignation from longtime district staff members Charles Raymond, Telstar High School Dean of Students, and Nancy Grover, Telstar Data Processing Secretary I.

Raymond began his career with the district as an Instruction Aide at Telstar in the fall of 1983. The following year, he was hired to teach Social Studies at THS, a position he held for the next 20 years. In September of 2003, he resigned from his teaching position to take his current position as Dean of Students.

Grover has worked at the Telstar office since she was

hired by the district in 1998.

The board also learned that Timothy Megan, who was hired last October to teach instrumental music part-time to students in kindergarten through fifth grade throughout the district, had submitted his resignation.

Murphy announced the transfer of Andover Elementary School Teaching Principal/Grade 2-3 Teacher Richard Curley to the position of Middle School Guidance Counselor.

"Mr. Curley has many years of experience as a guidance counselor, and also has had recent experience as an assistant principal at the middle school level, grade six, in Florida, where he did some guidance work as well," said Murphy.

STATIONS

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in the playlist and where I need to put my voice tracks. I hit a button and record—"we just heard this and this and this, and up next..." or whatever I need to say."

"I think when people listen to the radio, they're looking for the personal touch, a real voice. I can also do a live show if I want, just get on the air and do a request show."

The equipment with which he runs his stations is actually a portable recording studio, but he said a big investment isn't required in order to start an internet station.

"You can use a regular computer with a USB microphone," he said. "What I have is a little bit of overkill. I've got processors and everything else up here because I used to have a recording studio, so this is all left over from that."

"There is software out there, if somebody wanted to get into it. For about \$130 you could buy some cheap software."

His stations use apps for both Android and iPhones, "so people just put that into their phone, and they can plug it into their stereo in their car. That's what I do, and I listen from work all night long, streaming through my Wifi at work."

It's a hobby that Dunning confesses has taken over his life. "I'm always thinking about the radio station," he said. "I'm always looking on my phone, because I've got an app to make sure everything is streaming right. If there's a problem, I can log in with my phone and fix the problem from wherever I am."

Most of the songs he plays were purchased as digital music, although he is also in the process of copying his collection of CDs for use on the radio. Royalties are paid to the artist each time a song is played.

"I've got 1,700 songs in rotation right now just on the classic rock station," he said. "There's a company called Stream Licensing; I send them the locations of all my streams that are going out, and they filter them through their system. The songs have tags on them that tell the artist and the song name. They gather that information, and then they send a bill."

The amount he pays for royalties depends on the number of listener-hours his stations have. "Right now I'm up to around 27,000 or 28,000 listener-hours a month. When somebody

logs in, and starts listening to the stream, it shows up in the system, so they can track everybody that listens."

Royalties for all five of the stations currently total about 60 dollars a month. Artists get "a fraction of a cent" when their songs are played on Internet radio stations, Dunning said.

To offset the ongoing costs of licensing and royalties, he has sold some local on-air advertising, but since many of his listeners are not local, he recently decided to start working with an ad placement service.

"They'll sell the advertising, then send me the ads they want me to play, and they'll be automatically inserted into my software. Then they'll pay me based on my listener-hours."

He hopes to break even, and eventually even make a profit from what he calls, so far, "a labor of love."

"I've been into music since I could crawl, pretty much," said Dunning, who writes and records his own songs, and performs occasionally with the band Backlash, based in Brunswick. "My dad was a country musician, and when he played, they had to put loudspeakers outside of the church because they couldn't fit everyone inside who wanted to hear him."

Internet radio listeners use an online directory service such as iTunes or Windows Media Guide to find the kind of music they want to listen to, and they have plenty of choices.

"When you go to iTunes Radio, and you want to listen to classic rock, you've got 319 stations you can choose from," Dunning said. That variety leads people to switch around a lot among stations. Dunning's tracking software allows him to see how many devices are tuned to his stations at any given time, where his listeners are located, and how long people listen when they tune in. He is always fine-tuning the mix of music he plays to appeal to the widest possible audience.

"In order to get the listeners, you have to give them something that they can't get anywhere else," he said.

For more on the stations go to <http://www.abramradio.net/>.

Greenwood Town Meeting Saturday

By ALISON ALOISIO

The annual Greenwood Town Meeting will take place Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Jackson-Silver Legion Post.

The FY15 municipal expense budget (not including school and county taxes) is projected at \$1,197,610, up from last year's \$1,041,546.

The budget includes a paving project for the Greenwood Road and the purchase of a new plow truck.

The paving would extend from the intersection with the Howe Hill Road to the Rowe Hill Road. Town Manager Kim Sparks said the \$120,000 cost would help put the town over the LDI property tax levy limit, unusual for Greenwood. The state-calculated spending limit is determined by comparing town valuations from year to year. If Greenwood approves the proposed budget, it would exceed the limit by \$94,248.

The proposed plow truck purchase carries a price of approximately \$180,000, with \$80,000 to be raised from taxes and \$100,000 coming from the Highway Equipment Reserve Account. Sparks said the town is typically able to make such purchases entirely from the reserve account, but not enough has been saved for this year.

Also proposed is \$60,000 from the Fire Equipment Reserve Account to purchase a used 1996 squad truck for the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Al Curtis has also outlined expense increases in his department

that total \$22,000, including new equipment and supplies. For example, because some members of the Fire Department recently underwent training to become First Responders for medical emergencies, they will be required to initially purchase some medical supplies to have on hand. Those would be replaced by the town's ambulance service, PACE, he said, after each use.

In addition, more wages are needed to cover manning the Fire Station. Curtis had been doing such coverage himself, but other duties are taking more of his time and another person will need to be assigned.

In other departments, the Transfer Station budget would go down by about \$5,000.

Voters will also consider some changes in town ordinances. Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman said the changes mostly combine existing ordinances on land use, setbacks and electrical cutoffs into one.

In municipal elections, Selectman Arnie Jordan's seat is up for a vote for a three-year term, and he will run again, according to Town Manager Kim Sparks. She said she does not know of anyone else interested.

SAD 44 Director Tammy Goodwin will not run again for her expiring seat, Sparks said. Larry Merloni is the only person she knows of who is seeking it.

The American Legion Auxiliary will offer breakfast items before the meeting beginning at 8 a.m.

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it be done in phases so they wouldn't get a very large increase all at once. One suggestion for a phase-in, he said, was "perhaps a five-year period or something to allow them to at least be able to pass some of the charge on in little increments to renters and people in those apartments or businesses or whatever it might be."

Town Manager Jim Doar said he had suggested to one customer who had complained to "give us a proposal."

Doar also said there might be opportunity to adjust the minimum quantities of water for billing.

In other business at Monday's meeting, selectmen are proposing a change to the sign ordinance to allow the code enforcement officer, rather than the Planning Board, to approve sign applications. Appeals would go to the Planning Board, Doar said.

He said the value of such a change was demonstrated this week, when the Planning Board meeting was canceled due to lack of a quorum. On the agenda, said Doar, was the Bethel Farmer's Market, which he said wishes to start operating Memorial Day weekend. Planners are not scheduled to meet again until May 28.

A public hearing is required and has been scheduled for May 29 at 7 p.m.

Elections
Town Clerk Christen Mason announced the ballot for the June 10 town elections.

For selectmen the candidates include incumbents Pat Carter and Lloyd

Sweetser and challengers Aaron Crockett and Gabe Perkins (residents will vote for two).

For SAD 44 director, incumbent Roberta Taylor and newcomer Amy Forbes Devivo are running (vote for two).

For assessor, Donald G. Bennett and Robert Blake (vote for two).

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Crescent Park Elementary School.

Selectmen also:

Heard an update that towns in the Oxford County Regional Solid Waste Corporation will be able to choose between continuing their current recycling system and going to a single stream system beginning Jan. 1, 2015. Doar said the issue will be discussed by the local Tri-Town Transfer Station board (Bethel, Newry and Hanover);

Approved the transfer of the Time Warner cable franchise to Comcast;

Accepted the resignation of Public Works employee Eli Mann and authorized the hiring of a replacement;

Approved a request to place Lyme Disease Awareness ribbons for May at the Town Office, replace an outside light at the Town Office and the gazebo with a green light and display yard signs on two traffic medians;

Approved a request from the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation to post information in the Town Office about Patriots license plates that are available and support nonprofit organizations in Maine.

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Newry selectmen discuss administrator's job

By TERRY KARKOS/Sun Media Wire

Selectmen discussed the town administrator's job description at length Tuesday night in the Bear River Grange Hall.

Selectman Brooks Morton previously asked for the review, but when asked by Chairman Wendy Hanscom what he thought about it, Morton said he didn't think Tuesday's meeting was the forum to discuss his reasons.

He said he wanted the board to set up an independent committee "to take a look at things and come up with recommendations."

"I mean, we have all the players here that created what we have and, of course, they're not going to want to see anything different," Morton said.

He was referring to former Selectmen Steve Wight and Jim Largess and former Administrator Sylvia Gray.

Wight told selectmen they could do whatever they wanted. He also said state statute defines the job of town administrators so selectmen don't have to create it on their own.

Morton read a prepared statement.

"It has been my conclusion for many years that in 1992, the system of checks and balances that were provided in our constitution and town history were compromised," Morton said.

"Nothing was done that was not allowed under state statutes, but that the town meeting did not authorize. At that time, with the death of the town clerk and treasurer..., hiring the tax collector seemed like the right thing to do. We never looked back. Much has changed since then."

Morton said the community "needs to weigh in and take a good look at this issue."

"We are starting to fall out of compliance with state law and sound government," he said. "We have placed too much burden on

one person and no human is an Atlas."

Morton said selectmen through the years have changed the position by small acts, delegating much of their authority to the administrator.

"This isn't about me or anybody else," Morton said. "It's the right thing to do. This is intended to be building up on the process that we have and not the tearing down of individuals."

"OK," Hanscom said. "And I think we've heard your opinion on this, but I have no sense that there's any community agreement with it."

"I don't see that there's any agreement either," Morton said.

He said that if the position was that of a town manager as is done in many other towns, there would be a contract and terms.

"We don't have any of that," he said. "To me, it's a position that can change just by someone saying, 'Well, let's give her the authority now, and then we'll take it back.'"

"That's a system that's open for interpretation," Morton said. "I believe it's time that we have something that's written down, it's concrete; that's done by people who aren't involved in the position."

Wight said Newry has the minutes of the 2007 town meeting at which the town voted to create the position of town administrator.

"The reality is that the selectmen's job is to administer the town between town meetings and what the administrator does, it's their job to follow the records of the town meeting," he said.

"I understand that, but we don't have any guidelines on what a town administrator is," Morton said.

"Yeah, we do," Wight yelled. "We have the state statutes."

"You have the state statutes and there is a job description and why you don't want to acknowledge it, I'm not really sure,"

Gray said.

She said she ran the job description by an attorney for the Maine Municipal Association and he approved it.

Morton questioned whether that happened, and Gray started reading to him board minutes detailing it.

"I'm not sure what, part of it you don't like or maybe you don't like any of it, I don't know," Gray said of the job description. "But what duties, Brooks, do you think that the town administrator shouldn't have?"

Morton didn't say. Instead, he replied that it should be looked into to determine if there is any incompatibility.

"It's already been looked into," Gray said.

She said town meeting voters previously approved the administrator position and added the duties of tax collector and treasurer to it.

Morton said the offices of tax collector and treasurer should be separate from everything else.

"There should be one person that does all the financials and reports to the selectmen," he said.

"We're a small town and to hire a treasurer full-time, do you realize the money you're going to be putting on the taxpayers?" Gray asked.

"That's an assumption on your part," Morton said.

"If it's not broke, I don't understand why you want to fix it," Gray said.

Selectmen and Administrator Loretta Powers reviewed the administrator's job description, deleting some contradictory language and added that the administrator oversees the finances of all departments and supports the operational needs of all departments.

Selectmen also decided they should review the town's bylaws to ensure that they don't conflict with the job description before approving the changes.

MILL

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and she was still concerned about airborne asbestos. Although demolition work is done for now, she said, there are still people in the area.

Smokestack, boilers

In other mill-related discussion at last week's board meeting, Jonaitis said the smoke stack was taken down because she does not plan to use a mill boiler in the future, a decision she said was made last year. She also said another boiler had not been used for a decade.

"I think I should get credit for 20 Earth Days for getting rid of those boilers and getting rid of that stack," she said. "I think that's one of the best things that will happen on that site."

Said Selectmen Arnie Jordan, "Over the years it's put out a lot of black smoke."

"You can't have both," replied Jonaitis. "You can't have people calling and complaining because I started the boiler up so I could get people jobs, but then have the black smoke coming out and have people from Mt. Abram calling me ... I made a decision. My preference, too, I don't like black smoke either."

Jonaitis also said that while she does not plan to build any more on the site, she will pursue a permit with the Planning Board in order to keep options open, possibly for another party.

She said another section of the mill is still in good shape structurally.

Selectman Arnie Jor-

dan asked Jonaitis about future plans for the mill. She said plans were in the works for the Western Maine Economic Development Council to host a public discussion about the future.

Town Manager Kim Sparks confirmed arrangements were underway for such a forum.

Jonaitis also spoke about the circumstances surrounding her purchase of the mill several years ago at auction, after a bank had foreclosed on it.

"The mill was basically a throw-away property," she said.

She said she had been encouraged to buy the mill by a local economic development director at the time. She said she initially resisted because there was another potential buyer experienced in operating mills, but when that fell through, "I took a risk, which is what we do in this country ... I'm happy I did it and I'm still happy I did it. The part that's frustrating for me is people don't understand that."

She said people think "that's just a priceless piece of property and what am I doing over there? Yes, it could be."

Jonaitis said the opportunity for local people to complain had been when the bank had foreclosed on the mill before she bought it.

She said she purchased it because "it still had value, for the things I want to do and can still do in the future."

Jonaitis said it is hard to predict the future of

manufacturing. "You just do your best and create what you can," she said. "I'm still capable of doing that."

She cited the potential public forum seeking input about possible economic development for Locke's Mills and the mill.

"It's my mill because I took the risk and I made the payments on it. But a mill is only something if there's a culture that wants it to be something," she said. "The culture I've experienced so far really isn't supportive of it, my experience has been. So the outcome will be affected not only by the decisions of the decision maker, who is me right now, or by a culture giving feedback to the decision-maker, that convinces them to do something. That's where I'm at with it."

She went on to say the cleanup will continue over the next three or four months under the umbrella of a temporary company she has created for that purpose.

Jonaitis was asked by e-mail Monday if she wished to provide a further update on the cleanup or other topics relating to the mill. She responded, "I've agreed in advance to work with an economic development entity to create a forum and discuss their interests before I discuss any other plans."

In other business at last week's board meeting, selectmen approved a bid for \$7,500 from Wesley Cox for seasonal mowing. The figure was the same as last year.



The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard

From "The Way I See It" archives:

My street is part of the route for the Driver's License Exam so I see a lot of nervous looking people, mostly teens driving down my street. The examiners usually don't have the testees parallel park on my street because it is a one-way, but I often see them attempting that little difficulty right around the corner. I have come to the conclusion that parallel parking as a requirement to obtaining a driver's license is nothing more than a form of driving test torture perpetrated by sadistic license examiners.

Now, be honest, after you got your driver's license, how many times have you attempted to parallel park? I'm sure the answer from most people would be very few. In my case it is none and I have had my license for many years.

I will drive around the block until I'm close to running out of gas just looking for a parking space that I can drive into. This doesn't make me feel inadequate as a driver because I seldom see anyone else attempting to squeeze their good sized cars into those little bitty spaces. For that matter, I have never seen a police officer do it either. In fact, now that I think about it, the only people I have seen actually parallel park have had "Student Driver" signs on the roof of the car or a license examiner in the front seat.

There was a time, before the mall of America, when parking spaces were in scarce supply and parallel parking was a necessity. But that is not the case anymore. With shopping malls being what they are surrounded by acres and acres of parking lot, parallel parking is passé. There are parking lots everywhere, in the cities there are multi level parking garages. In fact, I bet that if anyone was so inclined as to do a study on the subject, they would probably find that there is more square footage devoted to parking

cars than there is to housing people.

So why is a driver's license contingent on one's ability to do something they will probably never do again? A far better test of a person's driving skills would be to have them drive through any city at 5:10 p.m., the peak of rush hour. If they make it through without an accident or resorting to profanity, they pass the test. I think being able to par-

Parallel parking as a requirement to obtaining a driver's license is nothing more than a form of driving test torture

allel park is a good skill to have, but I really don't think it should be a test requirement. More time could be spent however, emphasizing the use of one's directional signals. This seems to me to be the easiest aspect of operating a vehicle. A simple touch of a lever and you let other drivers know you intend to turn or change lanes. Yet, it absolutely amazes me how many people fail to perform this little courtesy.

It's not like it was in the era before automatic directionals when a driver had to roll down the window, stick their arm out, no matter what the weather and frantically wave their intention to turn. Now all one has to do is flick a switch and they will spare themselves a lot of one-finger salutes from their fellow motorists. It's no big deal, I just don't understand why every driver doesn't signal.

I also don't understand why every driver doesn't stop for pedestrians. Have they never been pedestrians trying to cross a street themselves? Question: Why did the pedestrian not cross the road? Answer: Because no cars would stop and let them get to the other side.

Seriously, not only is it a nice thing to do, but in the State of Maine it is a

law to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk. However, few motorists will even acknowledge a pedestrian's existence, let alone yield to them.

I know this to be true because I am often attempting to cross busy streets. I have had ample opportunity to observe the faces of the drivers who go whizzing by pretending they don't see me. There are people that don't stop, but they look so guilty and try so hard not to make eye contact that I almost feel sorry for them. There are some drivers that are so focused on where they are going and what they have to do once they get there, they really don't notice me. Then there are the drivers who slow down, grin at me as I step forward, then speed up and laugh as I jump back to the curb.

I have noticed that more motorists stop for me on beautiful sunny days when I really don't mind waiting a few minutes. But when it's raining or stormy, the people in dry warm cars seldom stop. I have stood in the pouring rain for a very long time before I could cross. It's on these days that some of the drivers will even look at me as if they are annoyed that I was standing there in the rain making them feel guilty because they splashed me as they passed by.

But there are people who do stop and smile as they wave me across. They do this with such ease that I'm sure they do it all the time. I always mouth a thank you and wave appreciatively as I pass in front of them. So rare are these gems of courtesy that I feel like sending them a thank you card.

I may not be a driving force in motor vehicle courtesy reform, but I do use my directional signals and I do stop for pedestrians. The way I see it, if I don't get hit by a car as I cross the street and I live until my 70th birthday when I will have to take a driver's test again, just maybe by then the examiners will focus on courtesy and not parallel parking.



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School Board approves Telstar wood pellet boiler

By AMY CHAPMAN

A new wood pellet boiler system could go on line at the Telstar complex before the end of the 2014-15 heating season, and has the potential to save SAD 44 more than \$12 million in heating costs over the next 30 years, engineers from Honeywell Inc. told the SAD 44 school board on Monday.

Directors voted to accept a completed engineering study for the energy savings and biomass heating project, which also includes lighting and building envelope upgrades at Crescent Park School.

They then voted 11-1, with Greenwood director Tammala Goodwin opposed, to enter into a contract with Honeywell to complete the project at a cost of \$1,025,138, financing it over 15 years with funds currently used for heating oil.

Honeywell representative Jim Lucy told the board that the energy improvements at Crescent Park, which include weatherization, lighting upgrades, and de-stratification fans, amount to

about \$100,000 of the total project cost, and will pay for themselves in energy savings in ten years or less.

The wood pellet boiler plant to be installed at Telstar accounts for most of the \$1,025,138 cost of the project. After a one-time rebate of \$6,337 from Efficiency Maine, projected annual energy savings of \$79,592, a figure guaranteed by Honeywell under the contract, will result in a payback period of 12.8 years, Lucy said.

He described the project as "self-funding." Asked by Superintendent David Murphy to elaborate, he said, "The capital costs of the work, \$1,025,000 in this case, would be one hundred percent offset by the energy savings. So the money that you're borrowing for principal and interest would be repaid without adding any new money to the budget."

Once the 15-year loan is paid back, he said, the project will result in a positive cash flow to the district. The savings are magnified by the likelihood that the price of oil

will rise by an average of nearly eight percent per year, according to industry projections.

"Without the conversion to wood pellets, that price increase would put the district's annual oil bill at over \$1 million by 2045. In contrast, the cost of pellets is projected to increase at a more modest two percent annual rate."

"The boiler is rated at a 30-year life, and if it's maintained properly it should last longer than that," said Lucy. Reducing by 90 to 95 percent the amount of time the oil burners are in use will also extend the life of the existing heating equipment, resulting in additional cost savings over time.

Although not part of the cost calculations, converting from oil to a locally-sourced fuel is another benefit of the project. Lucy said the Maine Forest Service estimates that about 85 percent of every dollar spent on oil leaves the state, while money spent on wood pellets remains in the Maine economy.

Woodstock director

Marcel Polak asked for a comparison of carbon dioxide emissions produced by burning oil vs. wood pellets.

Honeywell's Bob Marcotte, the lead engineer for the study, said the rule of thumb is that converting to wood from oil decreases carbon emissions by a minimum of fifty percent.

"I like the idea that this is paying for itself," said Polak. "It's not costing the taxpayers any more money."

"Also," he added, "we don't have any overt policy about this, but the idea of Telstar contributing to reducing emissions and buying local are two very, very important intangibles that don't get figured into the price, but, to me, they're extremely important."

TIF4 Grant Presentation

The board heard a presentation from the district staff members who serve as facilitators for the TIF4 Grant. After attending training sessions in August of last year, each facilitator has worked closely

with a cohort of eight or nine teachers to implement strategies aimed at improving educator effectiveness and student learning.

The facilitators reported to the board about a conference they recently attended as a team in Washington, DC and reflected on the value of the Maine Schools For Excellence initiative.

"It made us aware of the diversity of good teaching practices that exist," said Crescent Park School fourth grade teacher Renee Charette. She said teachers have learned that they all have strengths, as well as areas for improvement, and the process is helping them to set professional development goals.

In other business, the board approved an out of state field trip to Cannon Mountain in New Hampshire for the CPS fourth grade and approved final readings of policies relating to Fixed Assets, the Public's Right to Know/ Freedom of Information, and Private School Students—Access to Co-Curricular, Interscholastic,

and Extracurricular Activities.

Directors also approved the Superintendent's nomination of the following employees to a Second Probationary contract from a First Probationary Contract for the 2014-15 school year: Jennifer Boles, K-5 Art; Heath Booth, THS Math; Michelle Brown, Telstar Social Worker; Richard Curley, TMS Guidance; Autumn Gregory, TMS Language Arts; Scott Underhill, TMS Physical Education/Health.

Murphy told the board that Maine has recently changed from a two-year to a three-year probationary cycle, before teachers are placed on a continuing contract status.

The following teachers were approved to a Third Probationary Contract from a Second Probationary Contract: Debra Borchardt, Speech; Norman Greenberg, TMS Social Studies; Megan Smith, AES Kindergarten/Grade One; Erin Stearns, CPS Kindergarten; Karen Thurston, AES Grade Four/Five; James Rose, THS Math.

BOUNTY

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est and most abundant blooms.

It also allows gardeners to share their bounty with others. Irises, hostas, sedum, astilbe, bleeding heart, and lilies are among the plants often available at the sale.

"In the spring people find 'volunteers,'" said Susan Parker, who co-chairs the plant sale committee with fellow library trustee John Applin. "Those are plants that have come up in a new place thanks to underground shoots, seeds that blew in the wind or had help from animals. We like to get those plants that gardeners don't want, or want less of."

May is the perfect time

to divide most perennials to allow them to become well-established in their new homes before the hotter, drier days of summer. The sale is always held the Saturday after Memorial Day, when spring is well underway and local gardeners have had a chance to get to work in their flowerbeds.

"We have buyers who show up every year, and many also donate plants," said Parker.

This year, the committee is excited to be receiving a large donation of daylilies from veteran gardener Norm Davis of Newry.

"Norm is amazing," Parker said. "He knows the names—including the

Latin names—of all of the plants in his garden. He has been involved with the plant sale since the beginning."

"I guess you could say I got started in flower gardening because of my mother—she always had big flower gardens," said Davis, who also tends a quarter-acre vegetable garden and sells his produce from a roadside stand.

He explained that daylilies fall into three categories: dormant, semi-evergreen, and evergreen, depending on whether or not the foliage dies back completely in the fall. The daylilies he is donating to the plant sale are

all of the dormant foliage type, which Davis said he has found are the most reliable for Maine's climate.

He grows more than a hundred different varieties. "I kind of specialize in daylilies nowadays," he said. "I didn't add any new ones this year, but I won't say I'm done."

Davis said anyone who would like is welcome to visit his Newry gardens. He suggested calling first (824-2844) to make sure he is home to show people around.

Plant sale committee members advise buyers to come early for the best selection of plants, and this year will be giving away

free gifts for gardeners during the first half hour of the sale.

"Most plants are sold within the first hour, but there are usually a few plants left and we will mark them down even further," Parker said.

"You can't get plants any cheaper," said Bethel Library staff member Gina Douglass. "I have filled five huge gardens with plants from the sale, and I'm running out of places to put them."

Another regular participant is Peggy Wight of Newry.

"My gardens are full of

plants purchased over the years at the plant sale," she said. "Each year I try to note in my garden book from whose garden the plants originally came. As I divide these plants for another sale, I like to add the name of the original donor. Having a person associated with the plant makes it more fun and creates good memories."

Gardeners who have plants to donate to the sale can stop by the library to pick up pots and plant markers. To have plants picked up, call Susan Day at 824-2741 or Susan Parker at 824-4767.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN OF BETHEL, MAINE \$3,900,000 REVENUE BONDS (Gould Academy Project)

Notice is hereby given that the Bethel Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on May 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethel Town Hall, 19 Main Street, Bethel, Maine, to take public comments on a resolution and order authorizing the Town to issue its Town of Bethel, Maine, Revenue Bonds (Gould Academy Project) in the principal amount not to exceed \$3,900,000 (the "Bonds"), pursuant to the provisions of the Finance Authority of Maine Act, 10 M.R.S.A. §§ 961 et seq.

The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to Gould Academy ("Gould") to finance or refinance or reimburse Gould for the following improvements:

- (1) Renovation of Hanscom Hall (existing academic building), and
- (2) refunding of 2000 tax exempt bond debt (as amended in 2002 and 2009) used (a) to finance construction of Ordway Hall (new dining facility), (b) to renovate Gehring Hall (large girl's dormitory) and (c) to refinance other debt incurred to finance renovations to Vogt House (small girl's dormitory).

The foregoing improvements are located on the Gould Academy campus at 39 Church Street, Bethel, Maine.

The Bonds shall not constitute a debt or liability of the Town or a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town, but shall be payable solely from revenues of the project for which they are issued. The Bonds will not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the Town to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever therefore or to make any appropriation for their payment. It is expected that the aggregate principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, as well as all administrative costs in connection with issuance of the Bonds, will be paid by Gould pursuant to certain financing documents, contracts, and other agreements to be approved by the Town and to be entered into by the Town and Gould.

All persons who desire to be heard on the proposed issuance of the Bonds are invited to attend the public hearing. The Board of Selectmen will consider adoption of the resolution and order authorizing issuance of such Bonds at the subsequent June 2, 2014 Board of Selectmen meeting, following the public hearing.

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, May 6

At 3:18 p.m. Lt. Tom Harriman executed a DNA search warrant on Broad Street in Bethel regarding a burglary investigation.

At 6:45 p.m. on Mayville Road in Bethel Deputy Peter Casey arrested and charged Rexford C. Cummings, 60, of Bethel with OUI second offense and operating without a license.

Thursday, May 8

At 10:26 p.m. on Main/Broad Street Deputy Peter Casey arrested and charged Rexford C. Cummings, 60, of Bethel with OUI second offense and operating without a license.

Friday, May 9

At 12:48 a.m. Deputy Peter Casey responded to the West Bethel Road in Bethel for a report of ATVS racing on the road. There was no contact.

Saturday, May 10

At 5:37 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco, Cpl. George Cayer and Deputy Willie Nelson investigated an assault and criminal mischief incident on the Bog Road in Gilead. Subsequently a male was summonsed for assault and criminal mischief.

Sunday, May 11

At 6:32 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to Main Street in Bethel for a commercial theft. There were no suspects initially but the investigation is still ongoing.

At 8:25 p.m. Deputies Richard Murray and Nathan Bowie responded to Patte Brook Road in Albany for a neighbor dispute.

At 8:17 p.m. on Mayville Road in Bethel Cpl. George Cayer stopped and summonsed Joseph Lyons, 57, of Albany after a complaint was received about his intoxication and operation of the vehicle.

conference came about from the ending after 22 years of the Maine Mineral Symposium. The Morrisons live in Yarmouth and Mrs. Morrison was at the check-in desk helping with registrations. Mr. Morrison owns the Harvey Mine in Poland. Dr. Lawrence Stifler, May McFadden owners and Barbra Barrett director of the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum were very much in presence at the conference. Dr. Carl Francis, Curator of the museum in Bethel, was a conference speaker.

Mr. Morrison explained how the conference focuses on both youth with a kids' program as well as adults. Posters created by the kids attending this year were up on the back wall of the conference room. The Bryant Pond 4-H center is a conference partner supporting the youth program. The kids program involves hands on activity with "rock" breaking mineral searches and learning through displays. At the conference there is a mineral exhibition display room - dealers had their own office space on the second floor. There were nearly two dozen dealers present.

Friday and Sunday the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum hosted tours for conference attendees. The first New England conference was held last year at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston. As Mr. Morrison sees it now, next year's conference will probably also be at Sunday River.

Sunday's tour of the new Bethel museum covered the two level gallery display areas in the east (former Kennett) building. The displays form what the museum planners consider

one of its main goals - an education in the formation, mining and recovery of minerals and gems from raw ore. The museum's displays will use state of the art interactive "theaters" where a visitor can control his or her own teaching demonstration. Some displays will fill whole sections of a wall and use computers with three dimensional setups to, for instance, let the viewer see a mining operation unfold. There is still much work to be done in completing the gallery areas on both floors. On entering the museum through from its Main Street entrance a visitor will be in the retail hall.

New England Villa

At Sunday River an impressive high end home is going up that could be called a New England villa, due to its location and architecture. If you have ever been to Monaco and seen the villas overlooking its bay, harbor and palace, you would definitely call this new home a villa. It is located above the upper end of the South Ridge Town Houses in an area called The Glades. Bruce Lilly of Bethel is the builder and Rob Bramhall of Andover, Mass., is the architect. Owner is Kevin Crosby of Marblehead, Mass.

In the November 2013 issue of Maine Home and Design, the plans and write-up for this home took over a full page. That is why it caught my attention. Visiting the site on Friday I first ran into Jim Swan who alerted me to the owner being a Crosby. Jim and I have talked family histories before but I have no idea if this Crosby is connected to my Crosby's (they all started from a Crosby coming to Cambridge in 1634).

Jim Swan urged me to take a look at the inside if I wanted to see some outstanding structural work. I did and it is as impressive as the outside view. Photos of the project are in this week's Bethel Journal news online.

Summer Rentals at Sport Thoma

At the Sport Thoma store in Mayville for this summer canoes and kayaks are available to for rent. Those wanting to rent for extended periods will be able to so. Mountain bikes will also be available for rent. The rentals will be in addition to special sales and shopping at the store for its full line of ski equipment and outdoor wear. Currently there is a special spring sale in progress.

Beyond the Call of Duty - Looking Back to 1893
For the Newry town meeting in March 1893, First Selectman J.S. Brown had to

snowshoe to Bethel and back. He had not received the order of notice for voting on moving the county seat to South Paris from its site on Paris Hill. [See note 1] He had to copy Bethel's copy of the order for the Newry annual vote to proceed.

A week before the annual elections Newry reported: We are in the midst of a snow blockade. The mail carrier has not made a complete trip for a week. Storm and wind about all the time for the last two weeks. The roads were never in worse condition, despite the constant efforts to make them passable.

From Bethel and West Bethel - The northwest wind has been a gale, the snow has drifted hugely everywhere except where it is wanted - the road from West Bethel to Bethel was not opened for teams to pass for four days. Bethel doctors having patients in the West Bethel vicinity have to come and go on the rail cars.

Newry voted to approve the move 37 to 14. Bethel voted for the move 295 to 38. [1] In 1892, plans to move the county seat from Paris Hill to South Paris near the Grand Trunk rail station were making the political rounds. Some of the reasons advanced for new buildings were: No room to hold Probate Court, state jail commissioners have condemned our jail, county records are not adequately protected from destruction by fire, etc. As to location, the relocation committee pointed out that most of the people coming to do business at the county seat come by rail and for those travelers Paris Hill is less convenient than a South Paris location would be. Expense of the proposed move was a major issue in rural areas particularly.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

Tomorrow, May 16, is National Bike to Work Day. It's part of National Bike Month, which is sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists. The League has been working since 1880 to promote bicycling and make it safer for bikers. If you can't ride your bike to work tomorrow, you can still use National Bike Month to prepare your bike and yourself for the summer. Most of the sand and gravel from the winter storms has been removed from the roads. The stretch of Route 26 from Davis Park to South Bethel has a new bike lane completed last summer, which makes it safer for riding. Some roads around Bethel are not as bicycle friendly. If you're driving remember to give bicyclists 3 feet clearance. It's the law. If there's a car coming in the opposite direction, slow down (even stop) until you can pass safely. Don't believe the rumor that the cold icy winter killed off some of the tick

population. According to biologists the snow acts as an insulating blanket that protects ticks during the winter. Maine state entomologist Charlene Donahue predicts Maine will have a large tick population this year. Officials are worried not only about an increase in Lyme disease, but other diseases carried by ticks. After only an hour's work in the yard this weekend, I pulled six ticks off myself when I got back into the house. Where did I find them? If you're squeamish, read no further. They were on my jeans, shirt and socks; I found one on my underpants. I'm writing this as a heads up about putting flea and tick medication on pets and checking ourselves after we go outdoors. One tip: wear light colored clothing. It's easier to see the ticks. You can kill ticks by dropping them in alcohol or vinegar.

After a slow start, the spring wildflowers seem to have exploded, at least in the open fields and lightly wooded areas. The plants in the deeper woods are slower to blossom. This weekend I found Dutchman's breeches, bellwort, red trilliums, and wild strawberries. The roadside banks with southern exposures near my house are covered with periwinkles and moss pinks. These two flowers are actually introduced plants to this country that escaped from cultivation and are now considered wildflowers.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By CHERRI CROCKETT

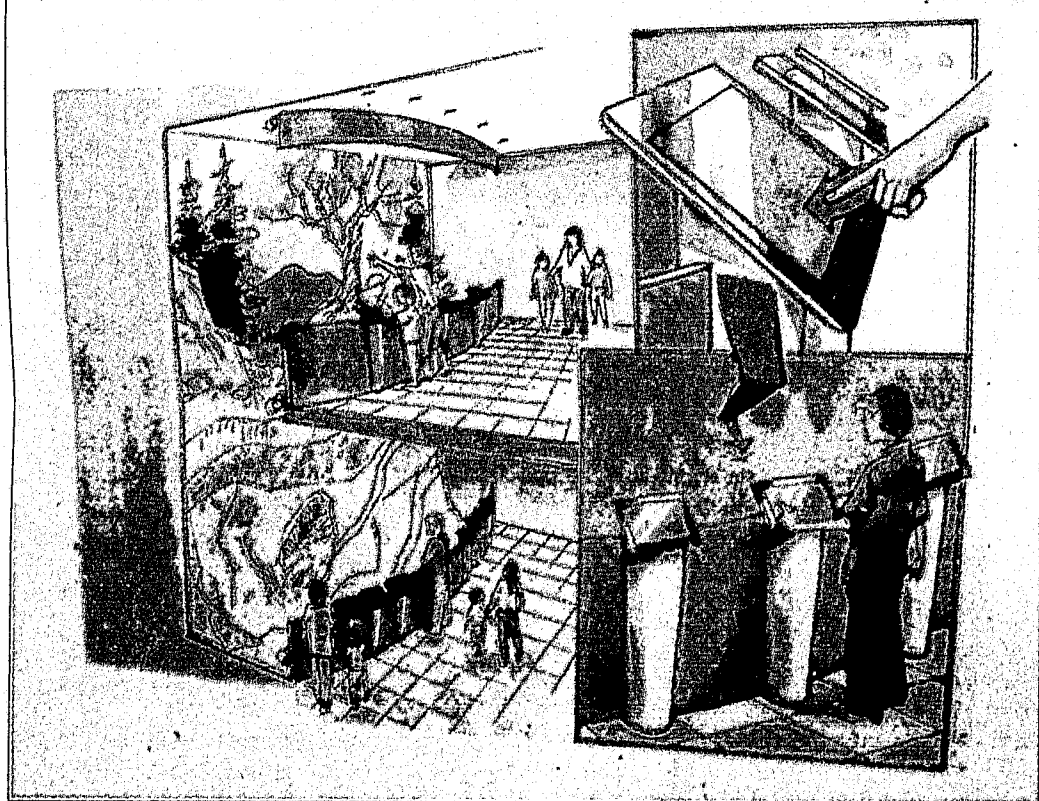
Hello neighbors, I hope you're well this week. I decided to take advantage of this beautiful Sunday morning listening to the bird song and write while enjoying the sunrise over the mountain. How many sunrises have you witnessed in East Bethel? What birds have you delighted in hearing while watching the landscape turn from night's deep shadows to the splendor of that orange light blanketing the landscape? Maybe you're not so much of a sun-riser, but more of a sun-setter. Either way, there is such great beauty in watching our days unfold before our eyes. Yesterday I finally had the energy and ambition to get out and start prepping my garden spot for all the wonderful veggies I plan to grow. It was such a wonderful day to be outside playing in the soil. I felt as though all the sickness that invaded my body over these last few weeks made me hyper-aware of all that He has created. I know what you're thinking, when we're not able to do things for a bit due to illness, we're more grateful to be able to rise to the oc-

Bethel

By DONALD G. BENNETT

New England Mineral Conference
This weekend the Second Annual New England Mineral Conference took place at the Summit Hotel

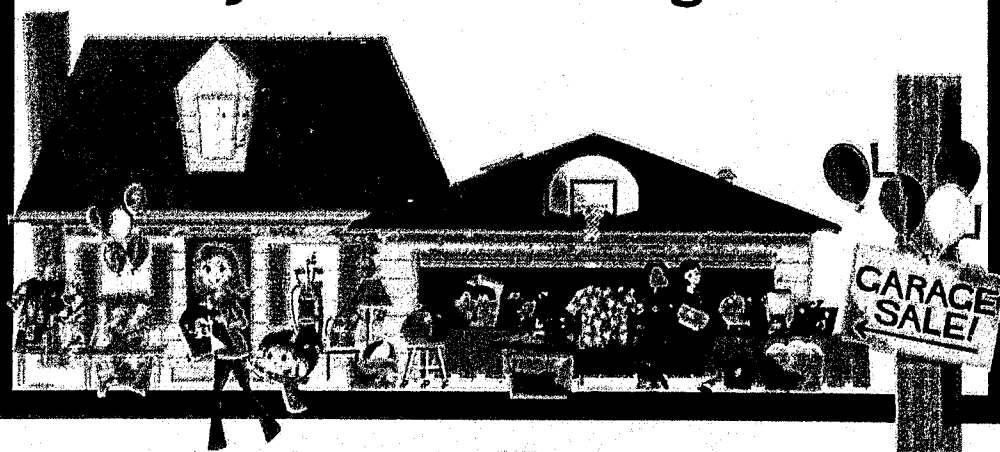
and Conference Center at Sunday River. On Saturday about 200 people had registered with some coming and going according to events on the program. Jeff Morrison, President of the New England Mineral Association is the conference organizer. Mr. Morrison said that the New England



At the Second Annual New England Mineral Conference: Graphic showing how a display in the new mineral and gem museum will look and be user operated. D. Bennett

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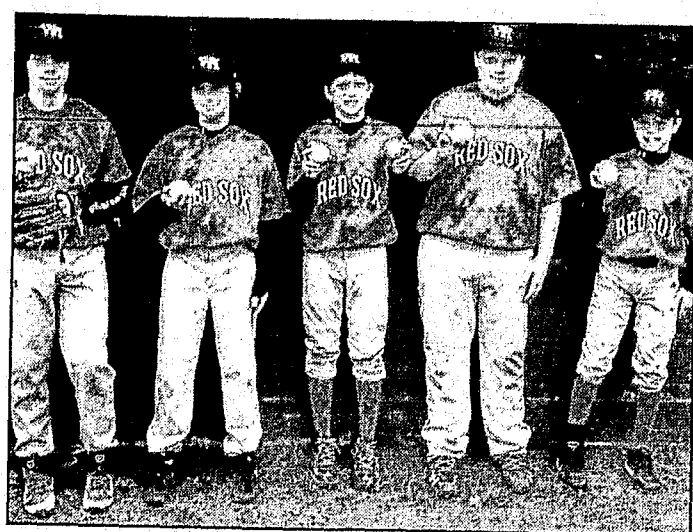
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The Western Maine Red Sox, who are the Bethel/Woodstock Majors baseball team coached by Gary Williamson and Tim Hill, had six home runs in a game Saturday against Oxford at home. From left: Joe Dillion, Will Laflamme, Wyatt Williamson, Devin Cole-Mason and Tristen Lilly. They each hit a home run, with Wyatt getting two.

casian again. Yes, this is true, but this was different. It was a true awakening of my senses.

The feel of the cool soil on the soles of my hands and feet and the softening of the greening grass tickling my toes; the heat of the sun warming my face, arms, neck and heart, as it truly felt like the rays were penetrating deep into my being. It was a wondrous feeling to be found in.

Last week my dogs and I ventured down onto the intervals and found that the flooding a few weeks back had left a nice beach in the middle of the potato field. I took off my shoes and let the warm, sparkling sand breathe life into the toes that have been hiding from winter's cold. I sloshed through the mud and felt the coolness of the not-yet-warmed water, and when I decided to rinse them in the brook, I mistook the security of the ground and sunk up to my knees. I laughed and scampered back to the firm bank, but again, it felt good to feel the changes of spring.

How often do you allow yourself to feel the seasons? Not just see the changing color, but to feel it and allow it to capture your body, mind and soul? I pray that you'll take some time over these next few days and feel what spring is offering up to us. Dip your toes in the cool water, sit in the grass and see the different shades and textures, listen for the variety of birds offering their song to you.

I also want to take a minute to remind everyone that our road is getting much busier with cyclists, walkers, runners and those on motorcycles. We have a beautiful place for them to enjoy the sights at a slower pace than the major routes. Please use caution and give them space.

I was heading to Bethel the other day and the cyclist in front of me kept looking back to see where I was while a dump truck was approaching from the other direction. I slowed and waited for the truck to pass and as I approached the cyclist he waved to me in appreciation for slowing and giving him space. I appreciated his gesture, as he understood that we all have to share the road for safety. I pray that more cyclists

are this aware, and instead of traveling down the middle of the road, they keep to the side and not try to play chicken with motorists.

On a neighborly note, I was on my way home from church today and I saw John out there making Eva work on Mother's Day. Silly man, what is he thinking? Actually, he was putting up a bird house for her and I caught him during a break. They're also working on taking down all the old trees around their house as the limbs falling have become a hazard to everyone in the yard. And, with another grandbaby on the way, they're looking out for all the little ones.

Tina and Brian are expecting their baby girl sometime in July. Blessings to their growing family.

Arlene Harrington had a nice four day visit with her granddaughter, Karen Lanther, from Furry, Maine last week and was able to spend Mother's Day with her daughter, Dori Hallman and her friend Carlton when they arrived on Sunday.

If you would like to share your family news, feelings of the season or vegetable growing tip, please e-mail me at brindlelabs@gmail.com or call me, 357-3469. Blessings for you to feel spring and be renewed in spirit as our earth is being renewed and prepped for a season of growth.

I want to remind volunteers, the East Bethel Cemetery Association will be meeting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, for clean up in the East Bethel Cemetery. Bring your rakes and gloves. The rain date will be Sunday, May 18, same time.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange 124 met at the hall on Monday evening. It was inspection with State Deputy James Haines. A new member was welcomed into the grange. It was reported that the new bathroom is now in use. Many thanks to all those who made this possible. The program was game night with word games, questions and answers, ring toss, etc. Next

meeting is May 19.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service. Sunday, May 18, is Fellowship Sunday; 10:30 service, lunch (bring a dish to share) and afternoon service. No evening service. Remember Wednesday evening is also the girls' group, "Bloom" and the boys' group, "Foundations." They meet at the church. Girls: 13 to 18, boys: 15 and up.

Are you spring cleaning? The Woodstock Historical Society is planning a yard sale on May 17. Please save your treasures and donate them.

Donald Hoyt had a nice retirement party on Saturday, May 3 at the Fire Station. Friends and family attended.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER

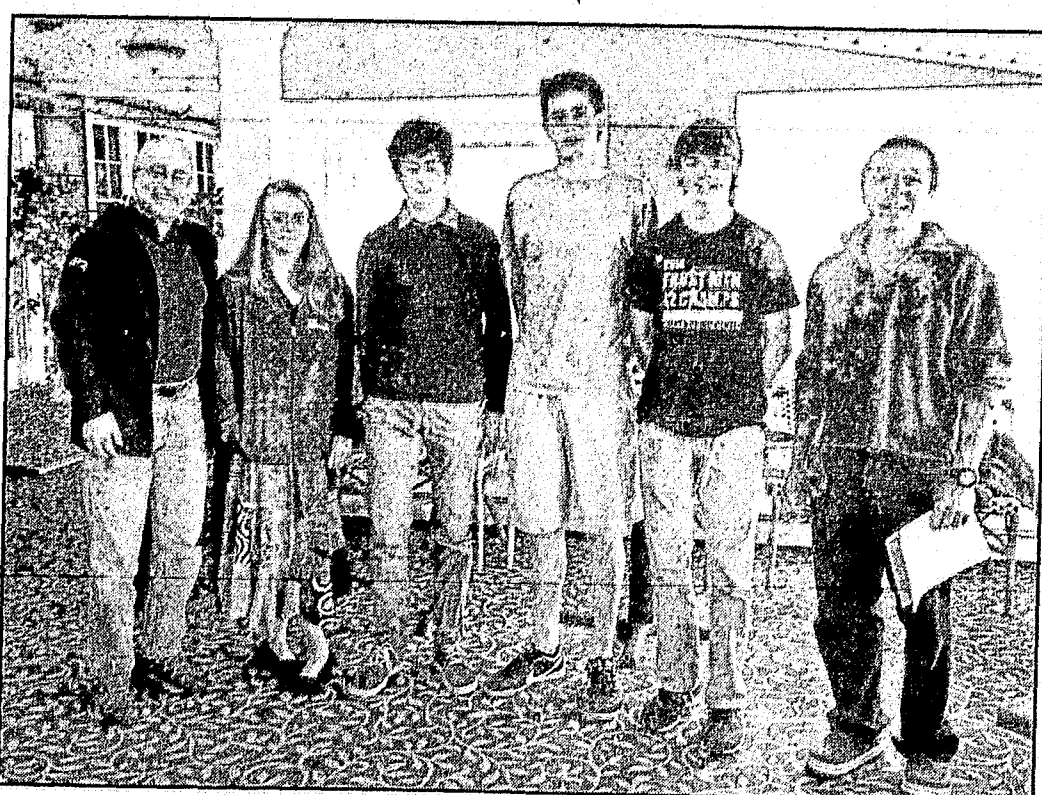


First off, I want to get my mistake out of the way. The Greenwood stump dump hours are: Saturday, 9 to 3; Sunday and Wednesday 9 to 1. I had the times wrong a couple weeks ago. As usual, it won't be the last time I make a mistake.

The Local Hub opened last week and it was mobbed. In fact, they ran out of supplies and had to close last Monday while they awaited deliveries. In the restaurant section, they have breakfast and lunch with a variety of homemade bread and pastries. There are a good number of tables and chairs so you can sit down and enjoy yourself. The store section has fresh local produce (greens, fiddleheads and parsnips at the moment), dairy products, beverages including beer, as well as staples such as toilet paper. They are open Tuesday through Friday 7 to 7, Saturday and Sunday 8 to 6, and closed Mondays for this month. They are considering opening seven days a week this summer. Good luck to the new owners. There are a lot of us who are very happy the place is open.

The Greenwood town meeting is this Saturday at the Legion Hall. Breakfast will be served by the Greenwood Fire Department Auxiliary at 8 a.m., and the meeting starts at 9. Arnie Jordan is seeking re-election as a Greenwood Selectman and would like your vote at town meeting. There was only one bid for mowing town properties. That was for \$7,500 from Wesley Cox. He has had this contract for the past several years, and the Selectmen awarded it to him again this year.

Louise Jonatis reassured Selectmen that the reason part of the Saunders Bros. Mill was torn down was because it was not safe after the roof collapsed last winter. There is a lot going on this



OUTING CLUB GRANT RECIPIENTS-The Bethel Outing Club recently awarded its 2013-2014 grants to area Nordic skiers. All qualified for the Nordic Skiing championships or training camps following their names, and were supported in participating by the grants. Pictured are, from left: Carlie Casey, Chair of the Grants Committee; Carla Boyle Wight - J2 Festival; Andrew Siegel - J2 Festival; Caleb Clarke - J2 Festival & Eastern High School Championships; Marcus Wentworth - J2 Festival & Eastern High School Championships; Norm Greenberg, President, Bethel Outing Club. Absent: Molly Siegel - Silver Star Training Camp.

ter due to the snow load. She said she has future plans for the building but is not ready to announce those at this time.

Vivian Hoy, born in 1921, was awarded this year's Boston Post Cane by the Greenwood Selectmen.

The Greenwood Planning Board recently approved building permits for the Orcutt house on the Greenwood Road as well as for Wayne Frastau who purchased the former Melon Kimball property on Main Street. Frastau plans to build on the property in several stages.

Town Manager Kim Sparks is on her own in the town office now while Administrative Assistant Angie Lovejoy is on maternity leave. Please have patience if things take a bit longer with town business.

The Bethel Health Center has lost one of its long-time and well-loved practitioners. Physician Assistant Jan Whitworth has left after 30 years of practice. She'll be missed by her patients. She is retiring and her plans extend only as far as adopting a dog. Here's to enjoying both.

The Greenwood Fire Association is selling tickets to win a camping package. This includes a 6-person Cabela's tent, two adult and two child sleeping bags, two folding camp chairs and two fishing rods with reel and tackle. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and may be purchased at the fire department, town office or from a firefighter. The drawing will be held May 23.

The winter ticks took a toll on many moose this past winter, and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife is decreasing the number of hunting permits available as a result. 3,095 permits will be issued compared to 4,110 in 2013.

weekend, and you can take your pick of the goings-on. But, you can only pick one because they are all at the same time.

If you want music, the Mainiac-Mountaineers will be playing for dance and listening at the Locke's Mills Town Hall Sunday, May 18, 2 p.m. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted for the Town Hall Repair Fund.

If you want nature, Dr. Dean Bennett will present an illustrated program on the story of the remote, forested valley of Wild River with its ghost town, Hastings. These are in Evans Notch located on the Maine-New Hampshire border. Dean grew up in Locke's Mills and is the author of "Nature and Renewal: Wild River Valley & Beyond" as well as nine other books. The presentation will be held at the West Paris Library Sunday, May 18, 2 p.m.

If you prefer history and politics, James Witherell will present a free program on Edmund Muskie. He is the author of "Ed Muskie: Made in Maine 1914-1980." The program is part of the Bethel Historical Society lecture series and will be at The Bethel Inn Sunday, May 18, 2 p.m.

The spring wildflowers are starting to bloom.

Trout lilies (aka dog-tooth violets), May flowers, and wild oats are all open as I write this. More species will likely be in bloom as your read this.

Did you know that red maples come in male and female sexes? I didn't. Quite honestly, I never gave the sex of a tree much thought. I was re-reading Bernd Heinrich's book, "A Year in the Maine Woods," and he mentioned male and female red maples. It seems the flowers can be either male, female, or both. One tree can have all one sex or mix it up. I spent a while checking out various red maples, and, for the life of me, could not see a great difference. But, I suppose it is not important for me to know the difference. As long as the red maples do, then we'll continue to see more little ones.

Please send news to staichi6@gmail.com.

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



Wow! Wasn't Saturday night beautiful? If that is climate change, bring it on. Sure feels nice after a long winter.

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ing. The Rangeley Lakes have come out of their frozen slumber. It's always fun to see the sportsmen and women making their annual pilgrimage up to the lakes for early fishing and smelting. I just watch for the trucks with the nets, and I know it is time to go. Thankfully, after one trip I was able to prepare a brook trout and fiddlehead supper for Mother's Day!

The Selectboard met on Thursday, May 8. The meeting was held to have Selectpersons Wendy Hanscom and Gary Wight officially resign because the last two elections were invalid due to procedural problems. There will be a special election on June 10 to elect two Selectpersons as well as to vote on the school budget and the primaries for state and national elections. I hope there will be a good turnout.

Don't forget the informational meeting on May 19. This will be a chance for people to ask questions and review how SAD 44 is funded. It will be interesting to see how people from other towns would like us in Newry to spend our money. We will also discuss the building permit regulations.

Karlene Bachelder has moved to Ledgeview Nursing Home in West Paris. I am sure she would love to have visitors. Take care, Karlene!

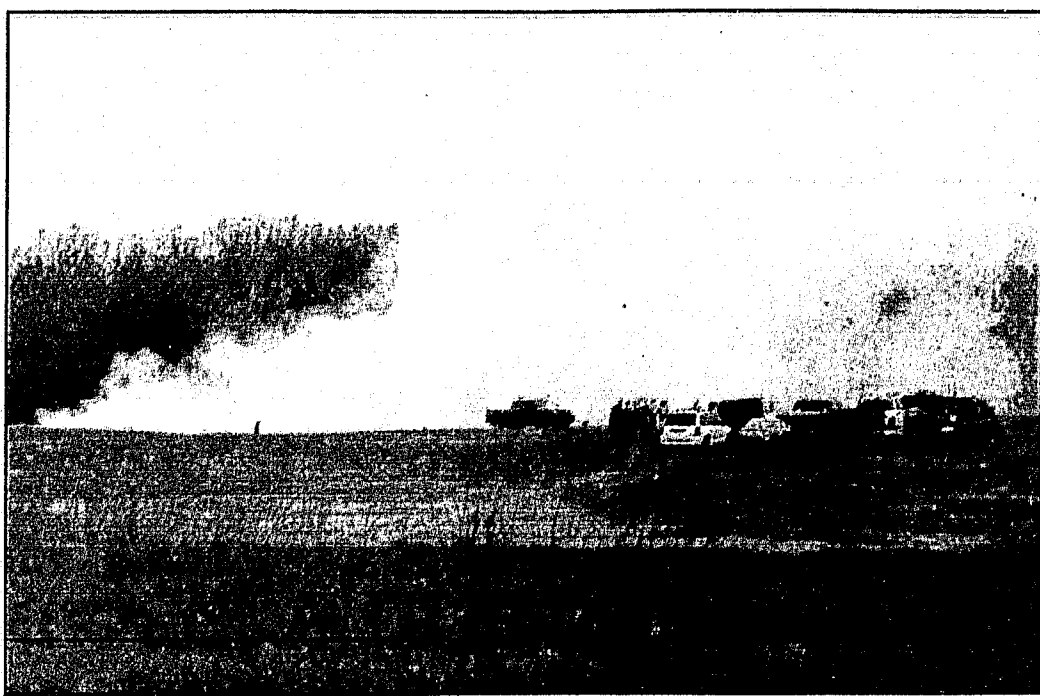
As always, send news to me at dwebster@megalink.net.

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Fiddleheads and hummingbirds have arrived – a sure sign that spring is here! Eager gardeners plant smiling pansies and early season vegetables, and patiently wait for indoor seedlings to grow and perennial gardens to bloom. Pileated woodpeckers hammer for food and red tail hawks circle the sky searching for nourishment to bring to the nest. Chorus of songbirds' mating calls



CONTROLLED BURN—Last Thursday the Bethel Fire Department did a controlled burn on about an acre of field off Route 2 in Mayville. This weekend about 100 firefighters will be in Bethel for the annual Western Maine Fire Tech School.

are heard as the morning sun washes over distant hills welcoming a new day with a pallet of vibrant colors. Take time to experience the sounds, sights and smells of this special time of year.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust will be hosting a guided Bird Walk on Saturday, May 24 from 7:30 am to 9:30 a.m. The walk will meet at the Maggie Ring Nature Park in Greenwood (off the Greenwood Road, about a mile or so from the Fire Station at the bottom of Howe Hill Road (off Route 26). Prepare for weather, walking, wet footing and bugs. For more information please call the Land Trust office at 207-824-3806.

Want to learn more about birds? Visit Cornell University's online Lab of Ornithology at <http://birds.cornell.edu/onlineguide/>. This website is an excellent resource providing keys to bird identification, habitat, and history with actual field recorded sound and video.

The Susburys are back from Virginia having enjoyed time with their daughter. Welcome back Peg and Bob.

Got news, comments or feedback? Please e-mail HannoverMeNews@gmail.com.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



The Andover Olde Home Day Committee met on Monday evening and worked on the final design for the T-shirts which will be Electric Green this year. The logo will include the welcome to Andover sign in the center surrounded by a circle containing the words Andover Service Circle, 40 years, neighbors helping neighbors. Dave Belanger reported that he has secured Porta-Potties for the day as well as the use of a district school bus. Buses will stop at specified stop signs enabling people to travel from location to location without using their cars. The Maine Warden Service will again have their Operation Game Thief display. This will be the 10th year for the road race which is being chaired by Ann Marie Mahar with proceeds going to the Service Circle to aid in their various community projects. New this year will be a \$5.50/50 with half of the proceeds being split between the Olde Home Day Committee and the Service Circle. The other half going to a lucky winner. The Doll Carriage parade needs a chairman and Foster Tabb needs help in getting the barrel train ready for the parade and a driver for the train.

The Service Circle is sponsoring their annual cleanup campaign this Saturday, May 17. Persons interested in participating in this

community project should gather at the Town Hall between 8:30 and 9 a.m. where they can obtain collection bags and large non-latex disposable gloves. Supplies will be available for late comers and refreshments will be served between 11 a.m. and noon at the hall. So come out and help beautify Andover.

The Andover Historical Society will have an open house on May 24 in connection with alumni banquet festivities. Both the society's main building and the East Andover School House will be open. At the school house, visitors will be treated to a special story read by Donna Morse. Plans are being made for an auction to benefit the society. If you have any items to donate please contact Kim Peare or Trudy Akers. The society met May 14 and I will have news from that gathering next week.

Anyone in the area looking for employment might be interested in the Western Maine Community Job and Resource Fair at the University of Maine at Farmington in the Fitness and Recreation Center which will be held on May 22 from 9 a.m. until noon. There will be at least 75 vendors which include 52 employers and 23 resource providers.

The Food Pantry needs some help so if you have time to volunteer which is usually one and a half to two hours on Tuesday morning, please think about helping out your neighbors through this worthwhile service. Report

to the CEB at the First Congregational Church around 8:30 a.m.

The People In Action Committee has announced their next free lunch which will take place on Tuesday, May 20 at noon. Getting into the spring and summer season the group has settled on a picnic meal with hot dogs, beans, finger roll sandwiches, beverages and assorted desserts. Come along and meet and greet your neighbors and enjoy a good meal and the best part – it's FREE.

There will be a graveside service for Robert Hutchins on Saturday, May 17 at the Woodlawn Cemetery at 1 p.m. with Fire Department and Military Honors, followed by a reception at the CEB. A scholarship in his honor will be established through the Andover Education Fund for students entering Fire Sciences programs. Anyone wishing to donate to this may send their checks to Andover Educational Fund, PO Box 32, Andover Maine 04216 and be sure to mark your check, Bob Hutchins Scholarship.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The weather has been great for getting outside and getting spring yard work done. Of course, it is also great for sitting under the "gazebo" in the front yard with a cup of coffee or cool drink. Depending on the temperature! Mother's Day was bright and sunny, but the wind made it a little cool.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by the house on his way to Gorham Sunday. He dropped off an envelope for me that he had picked up at the post office in Bethel. It was one of many of the packets sent out to the Town Clerk by the Elections Bureau.

Steve and Lise McLain went to Mr. Pizza in Gorham, N.H. for dinner on Mother's Day.

Our son, Chris, called last Sunday morning to wish me a happy Mother's Day and we had a chance to catch up on what was happening in Omaha. Tim called early Sunday, also. He and Michele, along with Sidney and Ajay, went to Portland. Michele and Sidney ran in the Sea Dogs 5K race. Also running were Carole Robbins and Wil-

liam and Annie Chapman. There was a picture of William on the Channel 8 website. Grammy, of course, had to post it on Facebook.

Lise McLain visited her father, Gerard Dupont, twice a day at Ledgeview. On May 7, he passed away. Funeral arrangements are in the process of being made.

Condolences go out to the family of Gerard Dupont. I remember many good times years ago at Edna and Gerard's house.

This bird feeder was busy this past weekend. There were several male and female Rose-Breasted Grosbeaks that showed up. At one point, we heard the familiar sound of the Catbird. He spent a good part of the afternoon on the front lawn going from the bush by the road to the lilac by the house. Then, the little Hummingbird showed up about 6 p.m. on Saturday. He was a day early, because I usually don't see any Hummingbirds until Mother's Day.

Dylan Gordon has been working on the cemeteries over the past couple of weeks. I have not had a chance to go up to the cemetery, but I heard that it was looking good. He also did some cleanup work in front of the Town Hall. He got rid of all the sand and rocks that were left there from the winter.

Gilead Historical Society The Spring newsletter is finally done! It should be out to all GHS members in the mail in a couple of days. The newsletter contains what will be happening at Friends and Family Day on June 21.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Albany

By KATHY BENNETT



What an absolutely beautiful Sunday it was! A great day to celebrate all Mothers for all they do every day or have done it the past.

I have had a busy week as usual. Dave was down on Friday helping me with more jobs around here before I move. Emily Gammon stopped by for a visit and we beat Dave at cribbage. Saturday Dave and I went to Oxford to buy a new mailbox as mine had one too many battles with the snow plow. We also got

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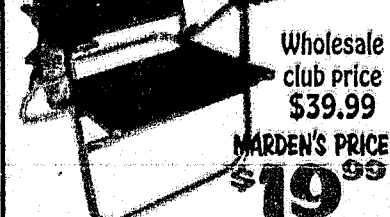
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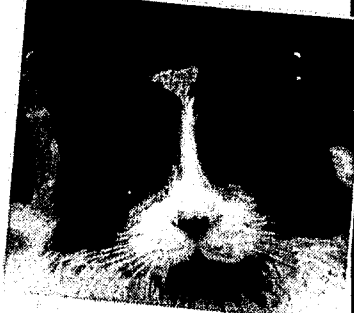
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Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is a no-kill, non-profit shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs; and the holding area for stray dogs for 12 towns in Oxford County.
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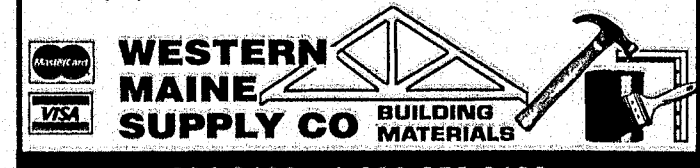
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bird seed as I have many, many hungry birds this spring.

Saturday afternoon I went to Bryant Pond to visit and lend a hand in the resetting process and visit with my niece Megan and husband Pat who were up for the weekend to help out. The guys were busy moving stuff from Doug's to the farm with Pat's pickup.

Congratulations Dev for your home run in the game Saturday morning.

Sunday we were joined by Kayla and her friend Robert up from Saco. The whole family, Maire and Eben Katlin, Cole and Dev, Megan and Pat, Cotter, Doug, Jen and Bella, Chris and Elton and I enjoyed lobster rolls, chips, potato salad and hot dogs for those who didn't like lobster.

Franklin and Margaret Barton went to the Lost Gull for dinner Sunday night.

Have a great week everyone.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER

The Upton Historical Society will hold their annual "Forest Lodge" cleanup day Saturday, May 17. They will meet at the Upton School at 7 a.m. and carpool from there to Carry Road. Please join us in a fun productive day. Bring your rakes, shovels, pitchforks and maybe your wheelbarrows or any other appropriate tools. Aldro will provide burgers and dogs. We should each provide our own water, cola or other beverage of choice and if you choose to, bring a salad or goodies to share.

The Upton Historical Society's May meeting will be Sunday, May 18, 3 p.m. at the Upton School. One of the subjects to be discussed is the guided tour of "Forest Lodge" scheduled for Saturday, July 19. The tour is earlier in the summer than in previous years

and there are a lot of details that need to be addressed. Upton Fun Day will be Aug. 16, and the Society will talk about their role and participation in the event.

The Letter B Notch Riders will meet Sunday, May 17, 9 a.m. at the Upton House. They will explore the idea of their June meeting starting with a trail-side trash cleanup ride and ending with a cookout to break in their new grill. Thoughts, ideas, suggestions and participants are welcome. Please attend the meeting Sunday to join in the planning.

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, May 31.

I reported last week that 2014 ice-out in Umbagog was May 3. My booklet and Linda's information give May 23 as the latest ice-out date. The record still stands.

I am hoping that mud-season is about over.

Call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER

Finally! The signs of spring are obvious to the most unobservant stroller. The grass is getting greener, dandelions, daffodils, violets, and primroses are all blooming. My frog pond is full of frogs' eggs, including those of little brown woods frogs and, I think, bullfrogs strung along the bottom, and the "peepers" started peeping a couple days ago. Bluebirds and tree swallows are swooping around, and a fly catcher built another nest atop the overhead light in the barn where I park my truck, evidenced by the bird poop on the hood! The water even started running in my front lawn garden pond and "brooklet" after only a few hours of putting to get the pump started. Last but not least, I have



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-In April the Rotary Club of Bethel recognized students of the month. Avery Griffin was underclass student of the month and Savanna Patenaude was upperclass student of the month. Savanna and classmates Eric Lowell and Kathryn Coolidge described to Rotarians the Class of 2014 Project Graduation itinerary and one of their fundraisers, a polar plunge in Songo Pond, which took place in April. Pictured are Patenaude and Ellie Andrews, Bethel Rotary Club member.

found a wood tick on the same area of the left side of my neck just above the hairline on two successive days.

This past Monday was even warm enough for shorts. Five-year-old Noah insisted he wanted to "go to the brook" when I returned from sawing firewood. He had shorts on and a new pair of rubber sandal-style sneakers, and we headed for the confluence of Hutchinson Brook and Pleasant River; Shiloh bounded along with us. Noah began at the edge of the water, throwing a few rocks for Shiloh and wading in the shallows. The water was surprisingly low for this early, and Noah was soon crossing the 35 foot wide stream in water mostly not up to his knees. As he got bolder, he was soon sliding down rocks into knee deep water and was soaked from toe to head. "This is wicked awesome!" He said. Shiloh accompanied him every step and contributed his share of water with his bounding

after anything thrown into or floating in the water.

South Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM

The birds are busy at the feeders and loving the water fountain we put out for the summer. Friends are enjoying their hummingbirds, but mine have not showed up yet.

Spent the morning sorting out some of my craft items and getting them stored in roll around storage (see through) containers. I have to spend the day in my office on the desk-top computer as my wireless laptop crapped out on me yesterday, so I have a loaner and am waiting for a friend to come over and help me set up the router.

I miss not being able to enjoy the birds and the fountain as my office is off the living room looking out towards the back 40. I do enjoy my office as it's nice and sunny; I just wished

more of the birds would hit these feeders out on this side of the house.

Road posters are coming down so the truckers are able to haul their wood and construction workers are able to pass through with their dump trucks and equipment.

The Down East Country Music Association recently held their annual elections of officers and membership meeting.

Hebron Pines Campground (Route 124, Hebron) Annual Country Music Jamboree weekend is planned for June 6 and 7. Lots of great country music by Maine performers and musicians, with a guest appearance by a Nashville Artist. FMI: Lorri (966-2771). For camping reservations call Dale or Cindy at 966-2179. It's a rain or shine weekend, a nice hall with a great dance floor.

Getting things ready and set up for a garage sale soon.

Well, that's all from the valley this week. Stay well and enjoy each day God blesses upon us.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM

Summer came - Saturday for a few hours, Sunday for a few more hours and Monday all day. Then it is back to unseasonably cold weather - 40s and 50s. But Monday it was in the high 70s. That felt almost too warm as such a sudden change, but it sure was nice. Piggy felt too hot, but she got over it and the birds, Gertrude and Lefty went under the porch for relief.

Sunday, our neighbor, at our request, took down the trees that overlooked the garden and kept the veggies from getting sufficient sun light. We shall see how that affects Lefty. She always roosted in the trees when the leaves are out. That was a problem be-

cause Gertrude doesn't or didn't fly and couldn't get in the tree. Now they can both roost in their house as they have done all winter and spring. We shall see. Penelope still sleeps inside, but that may change too as she's getting too heavy to be carried to bed.

Now that the trees are gone I am hoping we can get the garden rototilled and start planting; at least the frost hardy veggies like snow peas, kale, etc. We shall see. I am anxious to do that, acknowledging that I have been lax about doing so as the cold and weather changes affected my ability to function. With the warmer weather, I hope to do more.

Thursday May 15, 6:30 to 8:30, a "Living Sustainably" presentation will take place at Norway Memorial Library. The topic is: "Preserving Vegetables." Diane Ward is presenting and it is free and open to the public.

Friday, May 16 starting at 6 p.m. there will be a viewing/open house for Gerry Shimamura. The funeral will be Saturday, May 17 around 2 p.m. Both will be at the Bethel Alliance Church across from Telstar.

Monday, May 19, is the third Monday and the Waterford Knitting Group meets at the Waterford Library from 2 to 6 p.m. FMI please call 583-2050.

Next Wednesday, May 21, the Bethel Lyme Disease support group meets at 6:30 at Telstar High School. It is open to all who suffer from or who want to learn more about Lyme disease. May is Lyme Disease Awareness month. The ticks are out and several people have been bitten already. Hopefully they were not the deer ticks. Be cautious and don't leave skin unprotected.

That is all for this week. Have a great week. Stay dry. Anyone with something they would like mentioned can call 743-0583.

Sports

Sports Results

High School Varsity Softball

Telstar 10, Carrabec 0; May 7 - Telstar's softball team defeated Carrabec on Wednesday. Senior Jessie Dirago struck out 14 of the visitors and limited them to one hit and two walks for the game. Becca Howard had three hits, including a double, drove in four runs and scored three times to lead the Rebel offense. Autum Morin had a 2-run triple in the 2nd inning to help the cause and Tori Ryerson had two hits including a triple. Katie Merrill scored two runs as each of the Rebels contributed to the win. Telstar is now 4-1 on the season. Good game ladies. - Coach Lunney

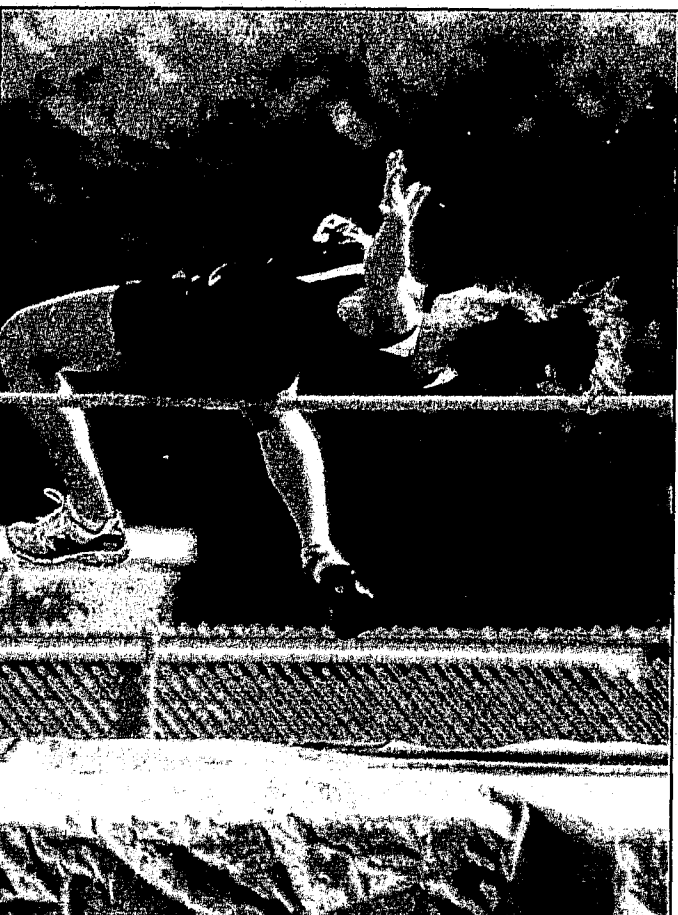
Telstar vs. Boothbay; May 9 - Jessica Dirago struck out 13, allowed one hit and walked only two batters to lead the Rebels to a win over Boothbay on Friday. Becca Howard with 2 hits, 3 RBI's and 3 runs scored paced the offense for the visiting team. Autum Morin with 2 hits and 3 runs scored and Sadie Ellsworth with 2 hits and 4 runs scored and 2 RBI's also contributed to the Rebel win. Aislinn Forbes and Jessie Dirago had two RBI's for Telstar. The team is now 5-1 on the season. - Coach Lunney

Mt. Valley 3, Telstar 1; May 12 - Telstar softball lost to Mt. Valley on Monday as the visitor's limited the Rebels to only three hits and played well on defense to deny the home team of many scoring opportunities. Jessica Dirago continued her good pitching as she limited the Falcons to only 3 hits and struck out 11. The Rebel defense committed some errors that allowed the Mt. Valley nine to take the lead in the 4th inning. The Rebels were not able to generate any runs. Autum Morin and Sadie Ellsworth accounted for the only Telstar run in the 3rd inning as Autum doubled and one out later Sadie drove her in with a double of her own. Jen Wakefield also singled for the home team. The loss dropped Telstar's record to 5-2 on the season. - Coach Lunney

High School JV Softball

Mt. Abram 2, Telstar 1; May 6 - The THS JV Softball team finally opened their season on the road at Mt. Abram dropping a very close game shortened to 6 innings due to home team and umpire scheduling conflicts. The team did a great job playing their first game right to the very end. Olivia York and Tehya Johnson combined to throw a great game from the circle, allowing 5 hits, 1 walk, and 8 strikeouts. Tehya had the team's only hit with a solo homerun to lead off the 3rd inning. The team gave themselves a chance in the top of the 6th when Lisa Gammon started off with a walk, and was moved over on a beautiful bunt single by Hayley Peterson. The Rebels came up just short to get a run across the plate. Mt. Abram was able to score the winning run in the bottom of the 6th to win the shortened game. I was very pleased that the girls made every fielding play that came to them and were aggressive on the base paths. It was a very good start for the season and gives us great hope for the coming games. - Coach Mark Kenney

Telstar 13, Oxford Hills 3; May 12 - The Telstar Lady JV Rebels evened their season record with a win at Oxford Hills on Monday. Olivia York pitched a gem allowing 3 hits, 2 walks, and striking out 11 batters. Her change up was working beautifully. The team had some hiccups on the defensive end but some really nice plays in support of Olivia came from Ashley Savage, Bri Vitale, Lisa Gammon and her catcher Blair Stevens who did a great job behind the plate. Blair kicked off the first inning with a bases clearing triple giving the Rebels and early 3-0 lead. Other hits came from Lisa Gammon with a bases clearing double, Maddie Prentice had a double and a single, and singles by York and Savage. It was a great team win and the team continues to work on improving their individual games. - Coach Mark Kenney



UP AND OVER-Telstar High School hosted a track meet Tuesday with Dirigo, Carrabec and Gould. Here, the Rebels' Nisrina Hamdi clears the high jump pole to take top spot in the event.

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Middle School Varsity Softball

Telstar 11, Spruce Mtn. 9; April 30 - The TMS girls won a hard fought battle against Spruce Mountain. Leading the Rebels' offense with three doubles was Shelby Cowin. Girls with one hit apiece were Morgan Prentice, Lauren Merrill, Erin Childs, Josie Forbes and Taylor Mason. Lauren Merrill pitched all 7 innings, striking out 6 batters and giving up 10 hits in the win. Great job, ladies! - Coach Merrill

Telstar 24, Oxford Hills 3; May 2 - TMS girls' softball was back in action last Friday, playing Oxford Hills Middle School. The girls proved they have a very good eye on the strike zone while they recorded 22 base-on balls and 10 hits. Girls with hits were Morgan Prentice, Lauren Merrill, Erin Childs, Taylor Mason, Josie Forbes, Payton Abbott and Emily Fraser. Ashley Childs delivered a big triple during the 5th inning of the game to have the best hit of the day. Lauren Merrill pitched all 5 innings for the win. She gave up 3 hits and 6 walks while striking out 10. Awesome job, ladies! - Coach Merrill

Telstar 16, Mt. Valley 0; May 7 - The TMS girls softball team had their home opener Wednesday, beating Mt. Valley. The girls proved again that they know their strike zone with 18 base-on balls and 8 hits on the day. Morgan Prentice paced the offense with 3 hits. Other lady Rebels with hits were Ashley Childs, Shelby Cowin, Taylor Mason, Josie Forbes and Emily Fraser. The game was shortened to 5 innings because of a mercy rule (12 runs ahead after 5 innings). Lauren Merrill pitched all 5 innings recording her third win of the year. She gave up 2 walks and 4 hits while striking out 7 batters. Great defensive plays in the field played a major factor in the win. Josie Forbes picked up a ground ball at third base and made a great throw to first and Ashley Childs threw

out two Mt. Valley batters from second base. Keep up the good work, Lady Rebels! - Coach Merrill

High School Varsity Baseball

Telstar 4, Boothbay 2; May 9 - Eric Lowell pitched a complete game with 9 strikeouts. He gave up only 2 hits and both runs were unearned. He had great control and a good mix of pitches going. Nik Conrad was the only Rebel repeat hitter. Chris Chappie, Tanner Wheeler, Hunter Williamson, and Andrew Mills also had hits. Both Conrad and Chappie had 2 stolen bases apiece. - Coach Eliot

Mt. Valley 7, Telstar 2; May 12 - The Falcons led 1-0 in the bottom of the third when Eric Lowell drew a walk. Eric stole second and Nik Conrad drove him in with a double to left centerfield. Conrad then stole third and scored on a wild throw by the catcher to third base. The Rebels 2 to 1 lead ended in the top of the fourth. Logan Bartlett pitched 5 solid innings giving up only 2 earned runs. Chris Chappie was a repeat hitter with 2 solid base hits. Tanner Wheeler finished off the top of the 7th by striking out 3 batters in a row. - Coach Eliot

Middle School Varsity Baseball

Telstar 14, Buckfield 1; May 12 - The Telstar MS Varsity baseball team defeated Buckfield MS in 5 innings. Bobby Sicotte and Duncan Forbes combined for the Telstar pitching and only gave up one run. Boston Ludden and Will Lafamme each had a single, while Bobby and Duncan each had two hits. - Coach O'Connor

High School Girls' Track

Meet at Telstar, May 6 - Lisbon 131.75, Carrabec 97, Madison 72, Telstar 50.25, Mt. Abram 80, 100m Dash: 7. Nisrina Hamdi 15.7; 10. Maureen Glover 16.6; 14. Anna Montagna 18.8. 1600m Run: 4. Gabi Stone 6:13.0; 5. Kaitlyn Brown 6:22.5; 7. Carla Boyle-Wight 6:47.3; 8. Annalise Hawthorne 6:48.1. 400m Dash: 1. Casey Blaszcak 1:05.3; 13. Alyssa Brands 1:24.8. 800m Run: 3. Carla Boyle-Wight 3:13.6; 5. Annalise Hawthorne 3:16.6. 200m Dash: 4. Casey Blaszcak 30.4; 10. Alyssa Brands 36.5. 3200m Run: 1. Gabi Stone 13:05.7; 3. Kaitlyn Brown 14:41.5. Shot Put: 6. Sequera Lavender 21.00.5. Javelin: 10. Sequera Lavender 48.01.5. Long Jump: 3. Savanna Patenaude 14.08.5. High Jump: 1. Savanna Patenaude 4.06.0; 2. Hamdi Nisrina 4.02.0. Pole Vault: 3. Maureen Glover 5.06.0. Discus: 5. Sequera Lavender 58.05.5.

High School Boys' Track

Meet at Telstar, May 6 - Lisbon 219.33, Madison 152.66, Carrabec 66, Mt. Abram 39, Oak Hill 33, Telstar 29, Gould 28, Valley 0. 100m Dash: 9. Kellen True (THS) 12.4; 14. Patrick Reed (THS) 13.3; 16. Aden Galindo (THS) 13.8; 22. Zach Stone (THS) 14.4. 1600m Run: 5. Matthew Bennett (GA) 5:18.3; 6. Greg Wheeler (THS) 5:19.9; 14. John Brooks (THS) 5:56.6. 400m Dash: 2. Maverik Griffin (THS) 54.3; 5. Kellen True (THS) 56.2; 12. Aden Galindo 65.6. 300m Hurdles: 8. Avry Griffin 56.8. 800m Run: 1. Henry Smithers (GA) 2:02.4; 3. Bronson Dean (THS) 2:10.6; 7. Liam Gallagher (THS) 2:30.6; 10. John Brooks (THS) 2:34.4; 19. Zach Kelner (THS) 3:35.9. 200m Dash: 19. Liam Gallagher (THS) 29.5; 21. Zach Kelner (THS) 33.5. 3200 Run: 1. Henry Smithers (GA) 11:28.0; 3. Matthew Bennett (GA) 12:18.9; 4. Greg Wheeler (THS) 12:19.2; 6. Bronson Dean (THS) 12:33.4. Shot Put: 9. Patrick Reed (THS) 30.10.5. Javelin: 13. John Brooks (THS) 96.03.4; 17. Kellen True (THS) 90.01.5; 22. Zach Stone (THS) 74.03.0; 24. Elijah Mason (THS) 70.11.0; 28. Patrick Reed (THS) 64.06.0. Long Jump: 19. Zach Stone (THS) 13.07.5. Pole Vault: 6. Kellen True (THS) 8.00.0. Discus: 7. Patrick Reed (THS) 83.01.0; 8. Avry Griffin (THS) 78.04.0; 16. Elijah Mason (THS) 59.09.5. Triple Jump: 5. Avry Griffin (THS) 36.02.5.

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From the Director

As you can see from our pictures this month, we are spending a great deal of time outdoors. We love it that the kids enjoy building mini cities in the woods and have become quite the entrepreneurs.

For this time of year, we have many activities happening including, 4H Archery, Yoga, Karate, and Theater at CPS.

At Woodstock, the students are participating in a 5K Club and they will run in two races this spring. They are training for the Healthy Heart 5K Run/Walk on May 18 and the WBS Produce Pursuit on June 7th!

Our Summer Adventure Program is almost ready to go to press - starting date is Wednesday, June 25. Information and registration is available by calling the MKA office. We will be posting on Facebook and our website as soon as we confirm a few more details.

The MKA annual meeting is on May 14 at 5:30 PM at CPS. We encourage anyone who is interested in serving on our board to contact the office or any board member. MKA is participating in the BANC Volunteer Fair on May 29 at the Bethel Historical Society from 5-7 PM. Spring is finally here - let's all get out and enjoy this busy time of year.

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



Shelis Chuga, Zain Connolly, EB Hoff, Rosie Barstow, and Autumn Brooks have fun baking a cake for the CPS Mayfair with MKA staff member Alyson Harris.



Celia Melanson showing off her tissue paper flowers.



Juliann Francis practicing her shot during the Spring 4-H Archery enrichment.



Lidia Melanson and Anika Dupree-Breau gathering supplies for a fort.



Harrison Kimball sneaking behind Hiram Towle while he shows off his tissue paper flowers.



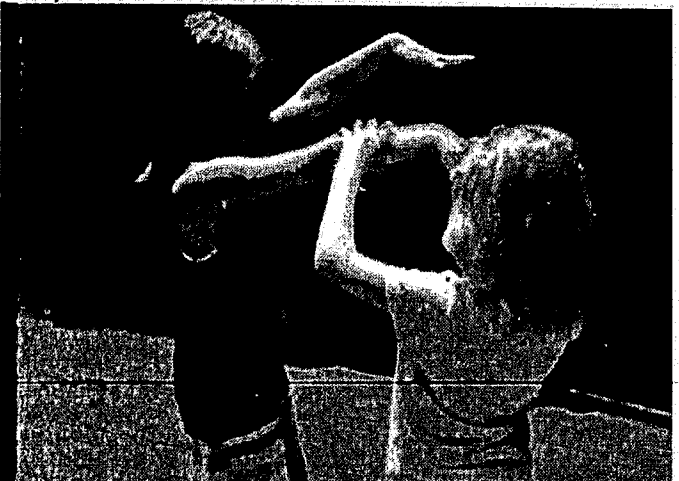
Will Myers, Makenzie Eliot, and Charlotte Lambert engaged in a talk about constellations during the Wild and Wacky Club.



Rosie Barstow attempting a friction fire in the woods.



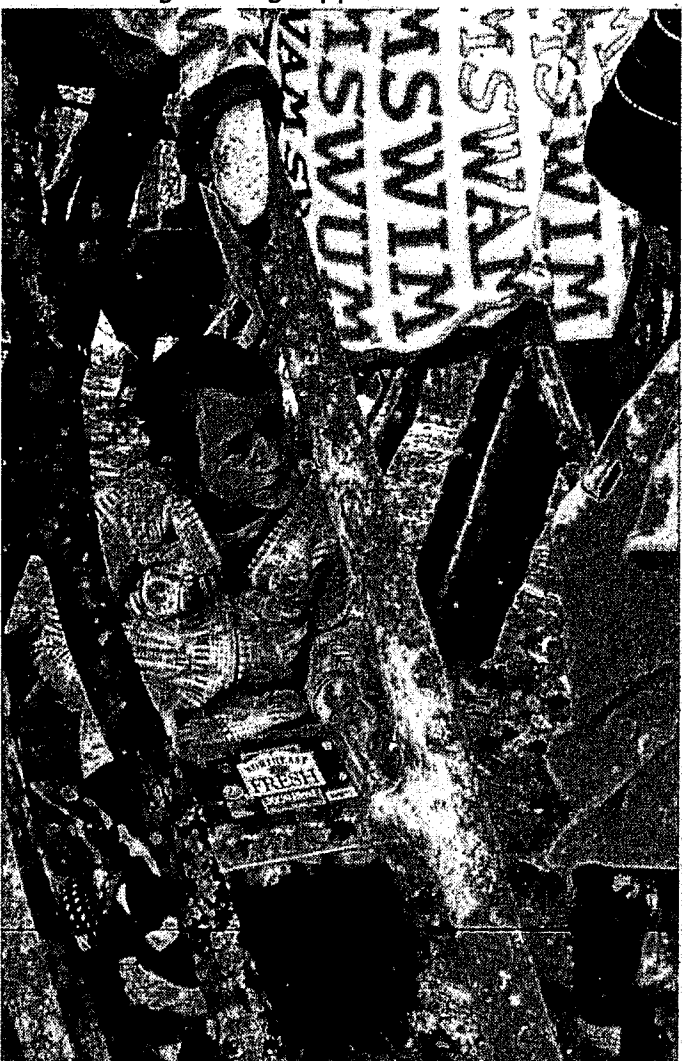
Audrey Saito, Lidia Melanson, Charlotte Casco, Lucas Barstow, Chloe Cyr, Jocelyn Nivus, and Maebrie Hoff trying to figure out what Gigi DeVivo is doing in a game of Artist/Painting during Theater.



Gigi DeVivo moving Maebrie Hoff during a warm-up exercise in Theater.



Chloe Cyr is very excited about Theater as instructor Amanda Jordan looks on.



Bella DeVivo and Hiram Towle negotiating a flower/pine cone barter.

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Mahoosuc Land Trust bird walk

Bird lovers, polish your binoculars, strengthen your neck muscles, dust off your Audubon guides and open your bird apps: the Mahoosuc Land Trust invites you to a bird walk on Saturday, May 24 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Maggie Ring Nature Park in Greenwood. We hope to see and hear a wide variety of warblers and other song birds. Dress for weather, bugs, walking and wet footing. Morning refreshments will be available. Your guides will be Emily Ecker and Mary VanNest, who joins us from Western Foothills Land Trust.

Meet at the Trailhead: from Locke's Mills, take Howe Hill Road off Route 26. After 0.1 mile, turn left onto Greenwood Road. The parking lot will be on the right in 1.4 miles. From the south, turn onto Greenwood Road from Route 219 in West Paris. Continue for 5.7 miles and watch for the parking lot on the left.

Please watch the weather that morning: the walk will go on if the weather is misty, but will not happen in steady rain.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County, Maine, and eastern Coos County, N.H., supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses. For more information visit www.mahoosuc.org or call 207-824-3806.

OCEA-R May meeting

The Oxford Educators Association-Retired will meet next on Friday, May 16, at New Church, Oxford Street, Fryeburg. The program is our annual "Remembrance," during which we remember and honor teachers who have passed away during the last year. Sign-ins will begin at 10:30, followed by a brief business meeting. New Church members will serve a meal at approximately noon. Anyone who is retired and has served a school district in any capacity is welcome and encouraged to join us. The fundraiser is our annual plant and garden sale.

Our April meeting was held at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in South Paris. The culinary arts students prepared and served a great dinner for us. The menu was spinach Florentine soup, Chicken Wellington, honey glazed carrots and jasmine rice, fresh baked French rolls, and banana cupcake with a cream cheese frosting. The students do a great job and are very professional in the way they set the tables and serve the meal. The program was presented by Connie Benwitz, who spoke of the role of quilts in the Underground Railroad during the days of slavery. The design of the quilt indicated directions and also informed "passers-by" of necessary information, such as where to find a safe hiding place. It was a very interesting and informative talk.

U.S. Alpine coach to speak at Gould graduation

Sasha Rearick, head coach of the U.S. Men's Alpine Ski Team and an alumnus of Gould Academy, will speak at the school's Commencement exercises on Saturday, June 7.

During his tenure on the U.S. Ski Team, Rearick has coached some of the top men's alpine skiers in the world like Ted Ligety and Bode Miller. He has coached in three Winter Olympic Games, including two as head coach, where his teams have amassed seven Olympic medals, including three in this year's games in Sochi, Russia.

Rearick joined the U.S. Ski Team coaching staff after the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. He coached at the men's World Cup and Europa Cup level,

BANC highlights ARWC

The mission of BANC (Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative) is to support Bethel area non-profits' efforts to improve the quality of place of the Bethel area through educational, cultural, environmental, recreational, economic development, and health and wellness initiatives. One member of the collaborative, the Androscoggin River Watershed Council (ARWC), supports this with its own mission: to continuously improve environmental quality and promote healthy and prosperous communities in the Androscoggin Watershed in New Hampshire and Maine.

ARWC's Board of Directors includes representatives from watershed industries, the conservation community, landowners, non-profit organizations, local, and state governments. One of its projects is coordinating the development and improvement of the Androscoggin River Trail. Another is Native Brook Trout Habitat Improvement. (Did you know that the upper reaches of the Androscoggin have the greatest extent of intact eastern brook trout habitat in the nation?)

ARWC is one of the three founding members of The Mahoosuc Initiative, which seeks to enhance the economic wellbeing of the Mahoosuc Region in Western Maine through the conservation of land and natural resources, and tourism based economic development. The Council, in both New Hampshire and Maine, conducts an annual water quality monitoring program.

But to local citizenry, perhaps its most visible and popular program takes place again this summer. The ARWC explains that planning is underway for their 19th annual Androscoggin River Source to the Sea, whose purpose is "to bring people of all ages together to experience, explore, and celebrate the river's revitalization. The 170-mile celebration begins at the river's headwaters on Lake Umbagog in New Hampshire and finishes in Maine's Merrymeeting Bay where the Androscoggin meets the Kennebec River and the tidal waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Beginning July 11, 2014 and ending Aug. 10, 2014, the Festival offers 20 days of paddling and other activities. People have the opportunity to paddle for a few hours on any one day, multiple days or all 20 days. Highlights include evening paddles, healthy foods, family days, music, hiking, standup paddle-board, as well as educational sessions on native plant species, fish habitat, ornithology, weather, aquatic insects, healthy nutrition and river ecology. For more information, you may contact Becky Secrest, Source to the Sea Coordinator (beckys@oxfordnetworks.net; 207-754-8158 or 207-318-4217). Or visit their website at www.androscogginwatershed.org.

For more information on the Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative, you may contact Amy Scott (amyscott@bethelmainenonprofits.org or 207-357-3189). She invites the public to BANC's Community Nonprofit Fair on May 29th from 5-7 pm at the Bethel Historical Society. All BANC member organizations share information on their organization, its programs and events, and its volunteer opportunities.



From left: Jose, Subin, Adan

A look at THS international students

Telstar High School has had three international students attending during the 2013-2014 school year. Following is a little information about each:

JOSE RUIZ ARTIGUES

Native of Madrid, Spain. Jose came to the United States through the ISE (International Student Exchange) program. He is enrolled as a senior/12th grade student at Telstar High School.

Likes of the USA:

- To hike in the Western Hills in Maine.
- Being in Physics and Chemistry labs at Telstar H.S.

A fact about Jose's home country: Spain is more than bull fighting, soccer and paella (rice). I invite you to go visit and learn about the history and sites of Spain.

Future Plans:

Jose wants to attend a university in Spain, and study International Relations.

SUBIN JUNG

Lives in Seoul, South Korea, came to the United States and Mt. Valley High School, through the ISE. She then transferred to Telstar High School through F-I and SEVIS certification. Subin is enrolled as a junior/11th grade student.

A fact about Subin's home country:

Seoul is a large city, has many places to visit and hang out with friends.

Likes of the USA:

To earn a driver's license and drive in Maine. Being on the cheering team at Mt. Valley High School.

Future Plans:

Subin wants to attend and study Hospitality/Hotel Administration in the United States.

ADAN RODRIGUEZ

Native of Escuintla, Guatemala. Adan came to the United States in 2013; to live with his uncles. Adan is enrolled as a senior/12th grade student at Telstar High School.

Adan's likes about living in USA:

- Almost every type of food.
- Encouraging Telstar Middle and High School students to get involved in playing soccer.

A fact about Adan's home/country:

My country has many beautiful places to visit. Everywhere there are references to and evidence of the history of the maya (our culture).

Future Plans:

Adan would like to play professional soccer. He also wants to attend a two year college and eventually earn a business administration degree, with a major in marketing.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 15

"Living Sustainably" Presentation; 6:30 to 8:30, Norway Memorial Library. "Preserving Vegetables" with Diane L. Ward. Free and open to the public. FMI/registration: 743-5309 ext. 1.

Friday, May 16

OCEA-R Meeting; 10:30 a.m., New Church, Oxford Street, Fryeburg. Following 10:30 sign-ins, there will be a brief business meeting with lunch served by New Church members at noon. Anyone who is retired and has served a school district in any capacity is welcome to join.

Relay For Life Benefit Supper; 5 to 6:30, First Congregational Church, South Paris. \$7/adults, \$4/children 12 and under. Casseroles, salads and dessert. FMI about Relay For Life: 1-800-227-2345 or www.cancer.org.

Saturday, May 17

WMNF Bird Walk; 7 a.m., Hastings Campground parking area at the junction of Highway 113 and Wild River Road. FMI: White Mountain National Forest, Androscoggin River Station (603-466-2713).

Cemetery Flags for Veterans; 8 a.m., American Legion Post 81, Vernon Street, Bethel. Legion members are seeking volunteers to help place flags on 700 graves. Be advised that cemeteries from Upton to Hunts Corner and from Gil-ead to East Bethel will be covered, so bring your vehicle. Refreshments (hot dogs, beverages and Dixie cups) will be provided to volunteer workers when they finish work.

Indoor Yard Sale; 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wilkins House, Plummer Road, Waterford. Proceeds benefit the church and the Wilkins House.

East Bethel Cemetery Cleanup Day; 9 a.m., East Bethel Cemetery. Please bring a rake and gloves.

Woodstock Historical Society Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum. (Rain date, May 18). For donation drop-offs call Sue (665-2290) or Leslie (665-2115).

Ellis River Riders Versatility Trail Challenge; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. There are bleachers next to the arena for spectators to watch the horse and rider teams go through the obstacles.

Public Buffet Supper; 5 p.m., Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Featuring Finnish, American and other ethnic foods. \$8/adults, \$4/children under 12.

Boxberry School Silent Auction; 6 to 9 p.m., Fernwood Cove, Harrison. Live music with Milltown Roadshow, gourmet appetizers by Chef Erik Person and desserts by Anna Sysko. Tickets available at Books N' Things and Café Nomad. \$20/advance, \$25 at the door.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

Sunday, May 18

Ellis River Riders Versatility Clinic; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. This clinic will allow horses and riders to practice the obstacles from the versatility challenge. Spectators are welcome. Donations are encouraged.

Mainiac Mountaineers; 2 p.m., Locke's Mills Town Hall. No charge, but donations will be accepted for the Town Hall repair fund.

Program and Book Signing; 2 p.m., the Bethel Inn. Author James Witherell will present a free program and sign

copies of his new book, "Ed Muskie: Made in Maine, 1914-1960." Sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society as part of its 2014 lecture series. Witherell's insightful and well-researched biography is the first on Muskie to appear in the past two decades and captures in intimate detail how the man who would craft the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act and become the architect of America's environmental protections was shaped by formative influences, and how he shaped himself.

Finnish-American Heritage Society Meeting; 2 p.m., Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Brief business meeting and coffee social followed by Barbara Payne's presentation on the Italian Hall Tragedy of 1913.

Dean Bennet Presentation; 2 p.m., West Paris Library. An illustrated program on the story of the remote, forested valley of Wild River and its ghost town, Hastings Village. FMI: 674-2004.

Comedy Night With Bob Marley; 6 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. \$20 per person. Tickets are on sale at Maine St. Supply Co. in Oxford (next to Subway). Hosted by Oxford Hills National Honor Society.

Monday, May 19

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Public Library. SeniorsPlus representatives will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Uptown Cruizahs Cruise Night; 6 to 8 p.m., Tractor Supply, Route 26, Oxford. Music by Red Wing, antique cars, and food. Proceeds benefit local charities such as the activity fund at the Maine Veterans Home and Santa Visits Oxford. FMI: Les Wing (890-0870) or Dan Tripp (743-8073).

Newry Public Informational Meeting; 7 p.m., Bear River Grange Hall. The SAD 44 School Funding formula and the Town's local building permit fees will be discussed.

Wednesday, May 21

Promoting Your Business on Visit Maine Website; 7:30 a.m. breakfast, workshop 8:15 to 9:15, Camp in the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River. Breakfast is \$10. FMI/registration: Julia Reuter (julia@bethelmaine.com or 824-2282).

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Norway Town Hall. SeniorsPlus representatives will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Promoting Your Business on Visit Maine Website; 1:30 to 3 p.m., Community Concepts, 17 Market Square, South Paris. Free. FMI/registration: Mia Purcell (mpurcell@community-concepts.org or 739-6543).

Gardening Class; 6 to 8 p.m., Telstar High School Room 133. \$12 per person. Vegetable Garden Harvest Anticipating the perfect vegetable garden is what gets us through winter in Maine. In this workshop, 8 Surefire Things You Can Do to Improve Your Vegetable Harvest, essential, common-sense techniques that will help you have a bountiful harvest will be discussed.

RESCHEDULED Spring Concert; 7 p.m., Telstar Auditorium. Performances from Telstar's Middle and High School choruses and concert bands.

MLT Changing Nature Presentation; 7 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Joann Grohman, Author of "Keeping the Family Cow," will be the speaking on The Changing Nature of Farming. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, May 22

Western Maine Active Communities Conference; 11:30 to 5:30, Bethel Inn Resort, 21 Broad Street. Free event to include speakers from the Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Maine CDC, Maine DOT and more. FMI/Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/active-communities-conference> or Abby King (956-6538).

Poetry Program; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rumford Library. Bring a poem you've written or one by a favorite poet. Light refreshments. FMI: 364-3661.

Congressional District 2 Democratic Candidate Social Time; 6 p.m., Democrats Office in Market Square. 7 p.m., Candidate Forum at Paris Town Office Meeting Room. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems>.

Saturday, May 24

MLT Bird Walk; 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Maggie Ring Nature Park, Greenwood. Dress for weather, bugs, walking and wet footing. Morning refreshments will be available. Please watch weather that morning: the walk will go on if the weather is misty, but will not happen in steady rain. Meet at the Trailhead. FMI: Land Trust office (207-824-3806).

Lee Hodgkins Memorial Poker Run; Registration: 8 to 10 a.m. at Roxbury ATV Park & Ride, Roxbury Notch Road (Route 120W). 50/50 Raffle will be drawn with \$500 of Roxbury ATV club's proceeds going to Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Inside Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., VFW Post 9787, 58 Main Street, South Paris. Lunch Counter open. Tables \$10 each. FMI: 743-5723.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

Wednesday, May 28

Volunteer Tea; 3 to 4 p.m., Crescent Park Elementary School. If you volunteered this year, please come and be honored.

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 824-2289 for more information.

Thursday, May 29

BANC Community Fair; 5 to 7 p.m., Bethel Historical Society. The public is invited to stop by, enjoy some refreshments, and learn about some exciting projects and volunteer opportunities offered by our community's nonprofits. These organizations add incredible value to the community, and they invite fellow community members to get involved.

Dandelion Medicine and Friends; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Telstar High School Room 133. \$12 per person. Join herbalist Darlene Akers, "Diva of the Weeds" and operator of Drag, only Healing Nest on a journey to meet Dandelion and his friends. Dandy's qualities, what parts to harvest and when, what medicine and food can be made will be discussed. Plantain, Chickweed, Burdock, Violet and more will also be discussed. This will be a fun evening of exploring the world of wild plants, their gifts to us and ways we can honor them in our yards and the world around us.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

XIBU HPFT VOEFS ZPVS GFFU

BOE PWFS ZPVS IFBE?

B KVNQ SPQF.

For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Detail: FUREATE

Rare: ACCRES

Conjure: KNIVEO

Attract: CENTIE

TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

MOVIE HEADS

ACROSS

1 Highly ionized gases

8 More dreadful

13 Gourmand

20 Opera house in Milan

21 "Uncle!"

22 Dispositions

23 Cushioned footstool

24 Movie director — B. DeMille

25 Long-running comic strip

26 Start of a riddle

29 Mattress company

30 Yes, to Henri

31 Prefix meaning "egg"

32 Miami Heat's org.

35 Riddle, part 2

42 Volcano in the N. Cascades

47 Fed. air monitor

48 Blood lines

49 Riddle, part 3

56 Royal earners

57 Simian beast

58 "You — big trouble!"

59 Additionally

62 "Last one — a rotten egg!"

63 Arrangement

66 Cookie-selling gp.

67 Eyebrow, e.g.

68 Riddle, part 4

72 Poor marks

73 Arachnid trap

74 Last leftover

75 "— boy!" ("All right!")

76 Unusual

77 Positive-thinking pastor

79 Poetic P.M. org.

80 Took pains

82 Riddle, part 5

86 Fabled man?

89 Ox of Tibet

90 Least sparse

91 End of the riddle

98 Viral misery

99 Pal, to Henri

100 Hip '60s type

101 Musty

106 Riddle's answer

114 Most chichi

116 Insults

117 City WSW of Richmond

118 Tennis great

119 Pivotal point

120 Person making a bid

121 Forgives

122 Affirmative replies

123 Roof channels

DOWN

1 Tilling tools

2 Shaping tool

3 "Swinging on —"

4 Actor Bakula

5 "— mial"

6 Jai — (sport like handball)

7 Warbled

8 Declaration

9 "No need to explain"

10 Well-to-do

11 1960s pop singer

12 Depend (on)

13 Alternative to escarole

14 Tetralogy ender

15 Tilling type: Abbr.

16 Rubik's —

17 Pope after Gregory XI

18 Christianity, e.g.: Abbr.

19 Suffix with Brooklyn

27 Christmas or Easter: Abbr.

28 Rocky hilltop

33 Movie rat

34 Pack-toting equine

35 T-men, say

36 Playwright

37 Bit of a litter

38 Cruellest mo., to Eliot

39 Novelist

40 Kitchen heat source

41 Rent out

42 Mates of pas

43 Coached

44 Leapt

45 IRS visits

46 Jewish deli snack

50 Not too difficult to pronounce

51 "— daisy!"

52 — four (small cake)

53 Embattled forest in World War I

54 Turf anew

55 Cars such as the Rio and Soul

59 Interval of three whole steps

60 Books with a 6x9-inch size

61 Surprised cries

63 Say "#@%!"

64 Seventh

65 "Me and Bobby —" (#1 hit for Janis Joplin)

67 Houston ball club

68 Hoo-ha

69 Washstand

70 See 83-Down

71 Have a meal at home

77 — platter

78 "Only Time" singer

80 Some Fr. martyresses

81 New newt

82 Foldable bed

83 With 70-Down, North Carolinian's nickname

84 Aprés —

85 B-F linkup

86 TV alien

87 Grig or elver

88 Speak like Porky Pig

92 Leno took his place

93 Is theatrical

94 — and vigor

95 Materialize

96 Throws lightly

97 Altar reply

101 Golf club part

102 Core belief

103 Cherish

104 Los Angeles NBAer

105 Ogling types

107 Rear

108 Architect

109 Pale-faced

110 "Would — to You?" (1985 pop hit)

111 "Sister Act" sisters

112 Toad's kin

113 Vegan staple

114 Roadie's tote

115 EMI rival

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences:

1. Umbrella is missing. 2. Headband is missing. 3. Doll's hair is different. 4. Tablecloth is different. 5. Sleeve is shorter. 6. Number is missing.

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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Kids' Maze

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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ YOWZA!

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Answers

Star★Map

Answers:

1. Feature; 2. Scarce; 3. Invoke; 4. Entice

Today's Word: VACATION

Kids' Maze Solution

SNOWFLAKES

Answers:

1. Umbrella is missing. 2. Headband is missing. 3. Doll's hair is different. 4. Tablecloth is different. 5. Sleeve is shorter. 6. Number is missing.

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News from the Bethel Historical Society

The latest (winter/spring) issue of the Society's newsletter, the "Broad Street Herald," has just been mailed to nearly 800 members and donors throughout the U.S. and several foreign countries. This number includes detailed articles and announcements about upcoming events, plus the annual Report of Giving, which recognizes the many people and institutions whose financial support allowed the Society to carry out its mission in 2013.

Gould Academy, the Bethel Historical Society and the Bethel Library Association will soon be

working together to bring local Civil War history to life thanks to a \$2,000 grant from the Maine Historical Society (MHS) and Maine Humanities Council (MHC), and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant is part of a joint MHS/MHC project entitled "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War." The program aims to bring Maine libraries, educational institutions and historical organizations together to explore local Civil War history and engage their communities. Bethel is one of five communities in Maine

to receive the grant and staff support from MHS and MHC in the second and final round of project awards.

Readers are reminded that on Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m., author James L. Witherell will be at the Bethel Inn to present a program and sign copies of his book, "Ed Muskie: Made in Maine, 1914-1960." The Bethel Historical Society is honored to be hosting the first of what will likely be many book signings of this new book, which chronicles Senator Muskie's life and career through his two terms as Maine's governor. The book reveals how

Muskie was shaped by his Polish heritage (he spoke only Polish until age 4) and his Rumford boyhood to be a Democratic governor in a Republican state and then the father of the modern-day environmental movement.

Society members and friends will have a one-time opportunity to tour the Mary E. Valentine Collections Wing on the afternoon of Sunday, June 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. when a formal dedication of the new storage facility at the Society's Robinson House will take place. A longtime member and devoted house museum and

research library volunteer, Mary Valentine bequeathed \$200,000 to the Bethel Historical Society in 2012. Thanks to Mary's benevolence and to others who have made donations specifically earmarked for this much-needed project, the Society's staff and volunteers have begun moving objects in the museum collection to the storage annex where they can be accessed more easily for exhibit and study purposes.

In conjunction with the completion of the Valentine Collections Wing, the Society's 2014 summer exhibit will feature a vari-

ety of quilts dating from the 1860s to the 1970s that were once owned or made by members of the Valentine family of Bethel. Entitled "Stitched Together in Time and Place: Valentine Family Quilts," the display will open at the Mason House on July 5 to coincide with the Bethel Art Fair. Through August, selected portions of the documentary film "Why Quilts Matter: History, Art & Politics" also will be shown in the exhibit hall. Acquisition of this nine-part film has been made possible by the Society's Florence Bickford Hastings Traditional Crafts Fund.

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GORDON WILLIAMS

Mr. Gordon E. Williams, 96, of Weare, N.H. formerly of Danvers, Mass., beloved husband of the late Cynthia Williams (Kammann), died peacefully Friday, May 2, 2014 at the Masconomet Healthcare Center in Topsfield.

Born on April 3, 1918 in Danvers, Gordon was the son of the late Ralph Williams, a former stock broker and Massachusetts State Representative, and Ellen, a dedicated mother. He was brother to the late Gardiner Williams, a retired teacher and retired colonel in the Army, and brother of Ruth Kingsley of Wenham. Gordon was every bit a family man enjoying get-togethers for no special occasion and sharing time with his family whenever possible. This was a tradition in his life by his parents during the Great Depression. He once said that the only positive thing

to come from the Great Depression was families spent more time together because there was no money to do anything else! He loved to sit and listen to his family talk about their lives helping with problems with any advice he could.

Most family time was usually spent outdoors doing some sort of activity. The outdoors was Gordon's place! He enjoyed ice skating, swimming, horseback riding, boating, snowmobiling, riding one of his two ATVs, waterskiing, woodworking, skydiving at the age of 88, golfing, hiking, camping, RV-ing with his late wife Cynthia, working in the yard, building horse barns for his horses – if it was outdoors he was involved.

To say he was active would be an understatement. These activities were shared with his children, his grandchildren, and his great-grandchildren. Activities that are enjoyed today by all of his family members thanks to his passion and influence on spending time actively in the outdoors. When he could no longer participate in a lot of these, watching his family do these activities brought him much joy, participating any way he could.

Out of all the things Gordon experienced in his life, one decision changed Gordon forever. The bombing of Pearl Harbor helped make an easy choice for him to enlist on Jan. 10, 1942 in the Air Force as a Bomber on a B-17 bomber. A choice he made that he was so proud of through all his years. After flying a successful 25 missions his plane was shot down and Gordon was

forced to bail out over Poland and was immediately captured by the Germans. He spent 15 months in a prison camp where he managed to survive starvation, sickness and abuse. His camp was eventually freed by the Russians and Gordon was able to return home to his family in Danvers, surprising them, hitching his final ride from the local milkman.

Upon his return from WW II, a new sport had taken shape that became one of his most beloved activities – SKIING. A sport he was so passionate about that he used to go up to Cranmore in N.H. and watch the famous ski instructor Hannes Schneider from Austria teach people to ski. He could never afford to pay for a lesson so instead chose to get as close as he could to the lesson and learn anything from the legend. He became so interested that this new sport became the new family activity. He taught all his children and grandchildren to ski from what he had learned from Schneider and would take them skiing whenever he could. He also had the experience of skiing with his daughter, grandson, and great grandchildren at Sunday River in Maine at the age of 88 – four generations of skiers – something that is unheard of and made him so very proud!

Wherever Gordon went he managed to make people laugh with his friendly outgoing personality. Whether he was spending time with his second family of various characters in around Gloucester that he had befriended through his good friend Tom Lucido or hanging around his hometown of Weare, Gordon always made that sticking impression which made people want to be around him!

Gordon is survived by his sister, Ruth Kingsley

of Wenham, one son and three daughters, Dana Williams of Gloucester, Bethany Williams of Waterford, Thea Jenkinson and her husband Joseph of Boxford and Julie Williams and Thomas Lucido of Danvers, three step children, Walter Durack and his wife Gretchen of Epson N.H., Pamela Durack of South Berwick, Hugh Durack and his wife Lori of Weare, N.H., ten grandchildren, Peter and Heidi Johnson, Jill and Taylor Jenkinson, Walter and Benjamin Durack, Seamus, Ewen, and Linden Towle, and Kammann Durack and two great-grandchildren Molly and Caleb Johnson.

Per his longtime request, there will be no services. Assisting the family with the arrangements is the Peterson-O'Donnell Funeral Home 167 Maple Street (Route 62), Danvers, Mass. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please visit www.odonnellfuneralservice.com.

VIRGINIA ARIDAS

Virginia Inman Aridas of West Paris and the Villages, Fla. passed on suddenly on May 6, 2014. Please visit www.baldwincremation.com to read her obituary.



GERALDINE G. SHIMAMURA

August 18, 1934 – May 3, 2014

As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it and is gone and in its

Thanks

Many thanks for all the cards, phone calls, and donations in memory of our mother, Leora Farrington. A special thanks to Ledgeview Living Center for the loving care she received.

Phil, Luna, Pearl, and Wally

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place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do His commandments. The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all...

Geraldine Jean Galvin, daughter of Thelma I. Bond and William Galvin, was born in Concord, N.H. August 18, 1934. "Gerry" was educated in New Hampshire Massachusetts, Florida, and Maine. She graduated from Gould Academy in 1953 joining the Army (WAC) serving in Virginia, Kentucky, Washington, and Japan, attaining the rank of E-5. She served as a cook and Baker. She met her husband Ryoza, "Joe" of Hamamatsu, while stationed at camp Zama, Japan. They were married Dec. 1, 1959, in Yokohama Japan. After leaving the military, Joe and Gerry settled on the family farm in N.W. Bethel. There they raised their son's William Yasohachi, and Jody Kazuo and cared for Gerry's mother, Thelma, and step father Zenas Merrill.

Gerry was employed at the Bethel Inn as a cook, Gould Academy and Telstar as a baker, and E.B.S. as a cook for a total of 20 years. In her later years she was a volunteer driver for community concepts and was a volunteer with Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice since 2006.

Gerry leaves behind her loving husband of 54 years, two sons, William and Jody, and 12 grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents, step father and granddaughter, Rhiannon Shimamura.

Gerry was a member of the Bethel Nazarene Church where she held a local ministers license, was a Bible teacher, and church secretary. Fishing, gardening and wood crafting were some of her hobbies. Gerry's motto was "Life is a wonderful adventure, hang on for a

terrific ride."

Hours of Visitation will be held at the Bethel Alliance Church on Friday, May 16 from 6-8 p.m., funeral services will be held at the church on Saturday May 17 at 2 p.m. with Pastors Chuck Mason and Peter Carter officiating. A time of refreshment and conversation will follow.

Memorials in her memory may be sent to Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice, 15 Strawberry Ave., Lewiston, ME 04240.

ROBERTA M. TOUCHETTE

Roberta M. Touchette, 74, of Rumford, died Wednesday, May 7, 2014 in Rumford with her family by her side.

She was born in Andover on Nov. 19, 1939, the daughter of Isaac Fulton and Anna (May) White, and had attended Rumford Schools.

Roberta worked for Diamond Match International for over 27 years as a packer and then for Saunders Brothers Dowel Mill for over 22 years until retirement as a packer.

She was married in Mexico on Aug. 3, 1957 to Dennis Touchette who died in Rumford on Feb. 14, 1986.

Survivors include daughters Barbara Heath and husband Rendell of Rumford and Sandra Maillet and husband Thomas of Silver Springs, Fla.; grandchildren Erica Ladd and husband Tiger of Mexico, Amy Alimandi and husband Justin of Berlin, N.H., Lisa Brann and husband Stacy of Peru, and Kelly Touchette and companion Thomas Gilbert, Jr of Rumford; six great-grandchildren; brother Claude White and wife Dolly of Rumford Point; sisters Emma Giroux of Rumford, Alice Gagne of East Hartford, Conn., Evelyn Leclerc of Rumford, Juliette Salatin and husband Rocky of Rumford, and Grace Jamison of Rumford. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, daughter Theresa Touchette, and several siblings.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.meaderandson.com

Graveside services will be conducted 10 a.m. Saturday, May 10, 2014 at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover. Arrangements are under the care of Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, P.O. Box 537, Rumford, Maine 04276.

SONGO Cemetery Association Annual Meeting

SUNDAY
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To our family and friends, near and far, our sincerest thanks for the love and best wishes, the phone calls, the visits, the delicious treats, and the many offers of help and transportation while Sonny was in the hospital and rehab, and after his return home. We are so blessed.

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Any person owning a lot is automatically a member of the Association and is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

- Please Note -
We are also in need of assistance in the flower planting on May 24, 2014 at 9am, prior to Memorial Day. Any help will be appreciated.

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